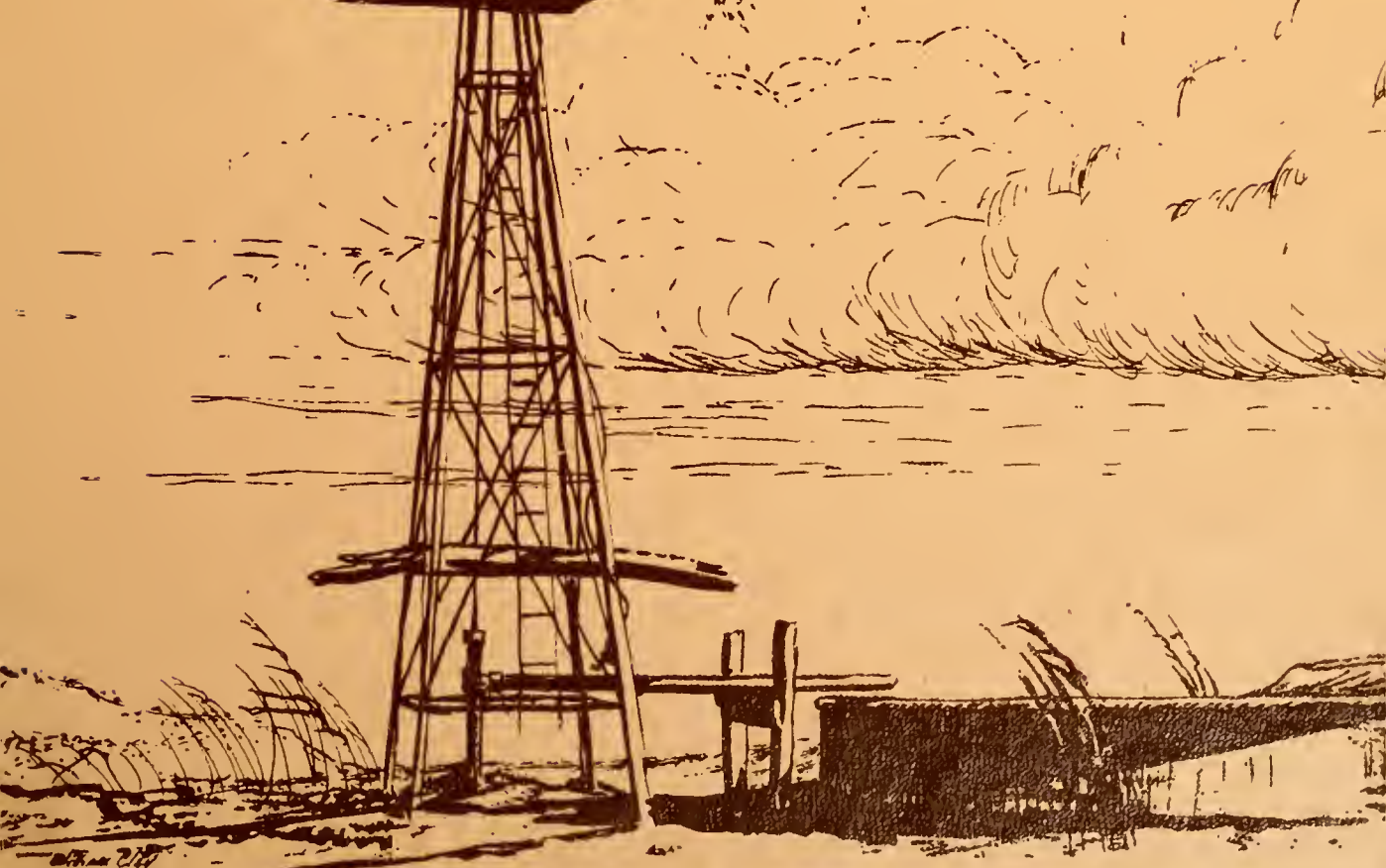


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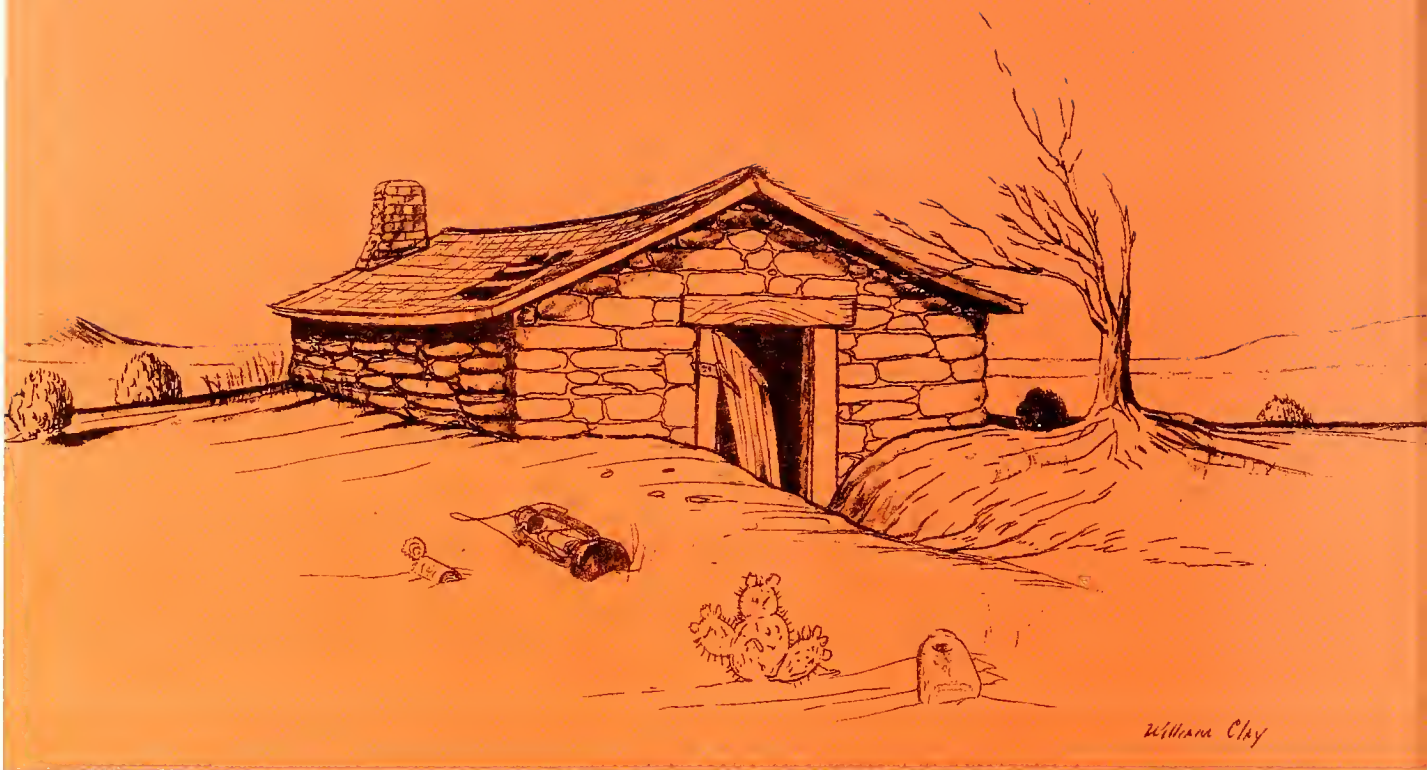
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Yearbook

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With the changing of the seasons comes the changing of the times. Just as the wind changes the land, so do the people change the town. Ever since the Indians and the first settlers came to the area now known as Vernon, Texas, there has been a continuous change. The people formed a community on the prairie land. The continuous change of the land, caused by the wind and rain, has made Vernon what it is today. Throughout this yearbook, we have tried to show the ever-changing school life and the spirit within. We, the Yamparika staff of the 1968-69 yearbook are proud to present to you: "Yamparika—Spirit of the Wind."

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YAMPARIKA Spirit of Wind

The Comanche Indian Council of Ten
Was composed of their noblest, wisest men.
They met to discuss their tribal laws,
To watch the times and amend the flaws;
Each spoke his mind if he wished to change,
The questions covering their nation's range.
Now one they deemed the peer of all,
And from his word there was no recall;
Who spoke at last when smokewreaths
thinned,
Was Yamparika, Spirit of Wind.

—Adele Hart Brown

Yamparika Signifies Spirit of Wind

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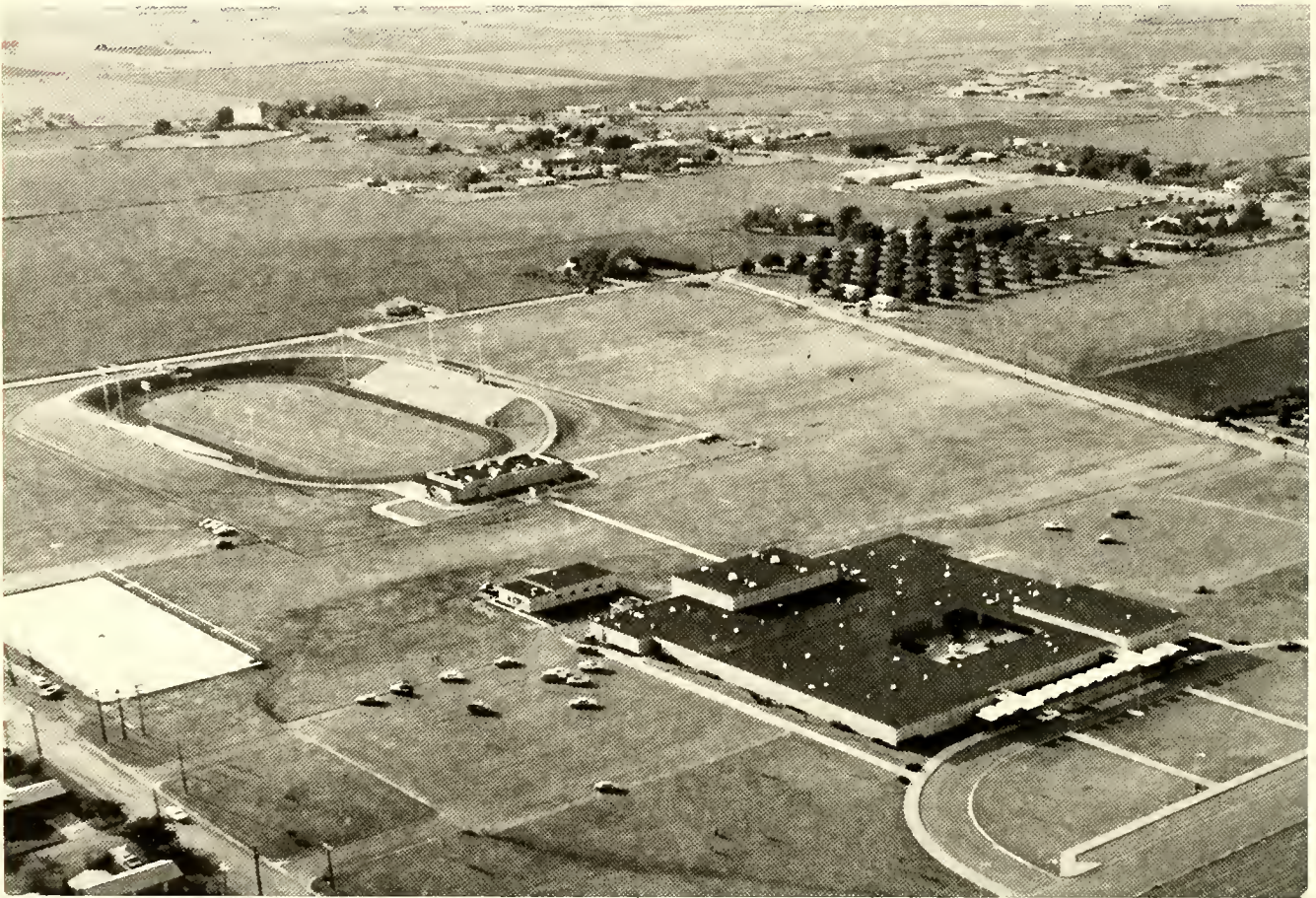


Spirit of Participation

Tossed by the ever-present spirit of the wind, tumbleweeds signify freedom, gaiety, and grace. All of these are qualities found in the students of V.H.S. Freedom—the freedom of the individual to do what he wants, Gaiety—the gaiety of enjoying life itself; and Grace—the grace with which one learns and advances to higher goals, direct students toward their goals in life. Just as tumbleweeds are carried by the wind across the plains, so, too, are students led by knowledge to new horizons in learning. Although stymied at times, the tumbleweed soon moves in every direction.



First School Classes Housed In Dugout



Our present high school, built in 1966, has the purpose of providing modern and functional facilities for a high school which will allow a flexible curriculum to meet the changing needs of our society and

culture. Occupying a 46-acre plot of land, the school contains 85,000 square feet and accommodates 850 students. The bowl type stadium was finished in 1967.



After World War II, Central School was remodeled. It was occupied for a time by the board of education and was finally demolished in 1962 to make room for a block-square housing development.

Always changing with the pressures of time and population, the school system of Vernon has risen from humble beginnings into a system generally recognized for excellence. During Texas' Centennial in 1936, a model of our school system tracing its development from earliest days was used for a display at the University of Texas.

According to the Vernon Times, the first school in Vernon was taught by L. N. Perkins in 1880, in a house just west of the public square. Even before that, Mrs. A. T. Boger taught the first public school in a dugout east of Vernon. Judge Tolbert was the Superintendent, later succeeded by Joe Eagle. Prof. Eagle was succeeded by Prof. Johnson; then came T. S. Cox, W. T. Potter, J. C. Smith in 1896-99, E. C. Snow in 1899, and during the 1900 term, Supt. Smith was re-elected and returned here to serve for six more years.

After the resignation of J. C. Smith, came the following superintendents: B. F. Holcomb, George J. Mason, T. L. Vance, B. F. Sisk, E. L. Dohoney, and W. T.

HISTORY OF SCHOOL

Continual Change Marks School's History

Lofland from 1924 to 1937. Other superintendents and their tenures were: C. H. Dillehay, 1937-49; J. B. Golden, 1949-53; John McFarland, 1953-57; A. H. Kavanaugh, 1957-61; Harold Reynolds, 1961-63; Robert R. King, 1963-65; and Harold A. Beam, 1965—to the present.

In 1890, a new multi-story brick building, known as Central School, was erected. This school was thought to be large enough to accommodate all scholastics for many years to come. This building was finally demolished in early 1962 to make room for a housing development.

In the meantime, schools were crowded and a new high school building, now used as a youth building by the First Baptist Church, was constructed at Fannin and Paradise Streets.

The present intermediate school building was constructed as a new high school in 1924, and students moved into the building during the school year from the Fannin Street School, which became the junior high school in 1925. The old high school was constructed about 1929. In 1966, after construction of Vernon's new high school—its fourth devoted exclusively to high school students during the past 75 years—the old high school and junior high school facilities on Yamparika Street became an "intermediate school" for fifth and sixth graders and a junior high for seventh and eighth graders.



In 1890, Central School, a new multi-story brick building, considered at the time as large enough to accommodate all scholastics for many years to come, was constructed on Mesquite Street.



The first public school was a dugout east of Vernon. Mrs. A. T. Boger was the first teacher, holding the first teacher's certificate ever

issued by the county. Later teachers of the school were Prof. A. M. Nye, Judge J. R. Tolbert, Miss Hattie Farrell, and Prof. E. L. Witty.

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Boys Are Spirited Back Into Team Action

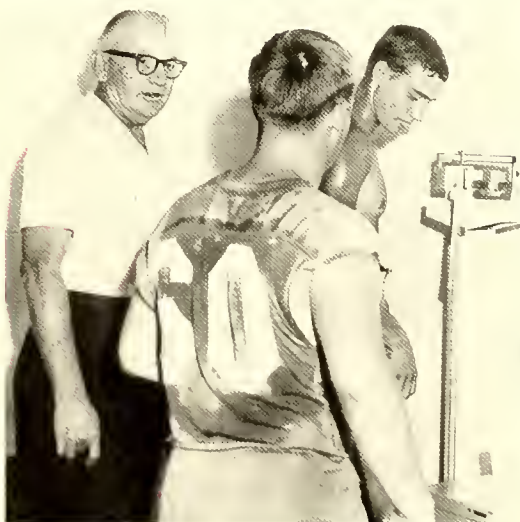


After a long hot summer of working at various types of jobs, football boys settle down to the rough business of getting in shape for their upcoming season. The boys' spirit is aroused by pep talks, by learning new plays, and by just playing the game itself. Two-a-days are held for two weeks, during which time the boys compete for their positions. By the end of the two weeks, the positions are filled, and the boys are ready for their first big game of the season.

"Put more muscle into it. Hit that line harder," orders Coach Reeger, as the mighty Lions tackled another tough day of workouts.



Here the V.H.S. Lions have just snapped the ball at the practice field during one of their workouts.



If you play football, weight is an important matter. Just for this reason, Coach Pat carefully checks the scales as each weigh in.



Coach C. R. (Pat) Pattison is shown here conferring in the huddle. Even in the fog the Lions practiced and practiced hard. During summer practice the coaching staff held two-a-days in which practice was held twice daily.

THE FINISHED PRODUCT

Season Brings New Insight to Participants

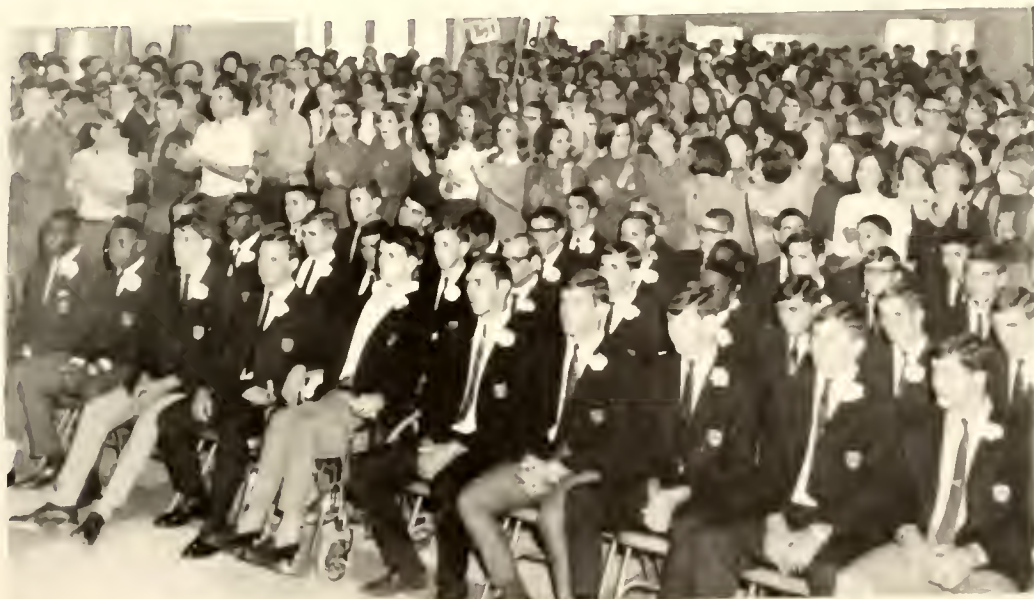


Taking time from their busy schedules, Mr. Easley and Coach C. R. Pattison stop in front of the office to discuss football plans for the season.



During football season, students were entertained at pep rallies by various people. Here, Lion supporter, Bill Bond, encourages the Lions on to action.

Throughout the season by working hard, exercising, drilling, scrimmaging, and learning to work as a team, the boys learned that "it's not whether you win or lose the game that counts; it's how you play the game." From being bruised and scraped to sweating in the hot sun, came the boys which made up the fighting Lions of 1968-69. These boys became poised young men who were capable of exhibiting leadership and fellowship. Working under the inspired leadership of Coach Pat, they reflect pride in their school and in their team.



"The Finished Product." After working out in two-days and everyday after school, the varsity learns the real meaning of the word "teamwork." After struggling together through the rough games, and learning from their mistakes, the varsity prepares for their homecoming game by attending the pep rally.

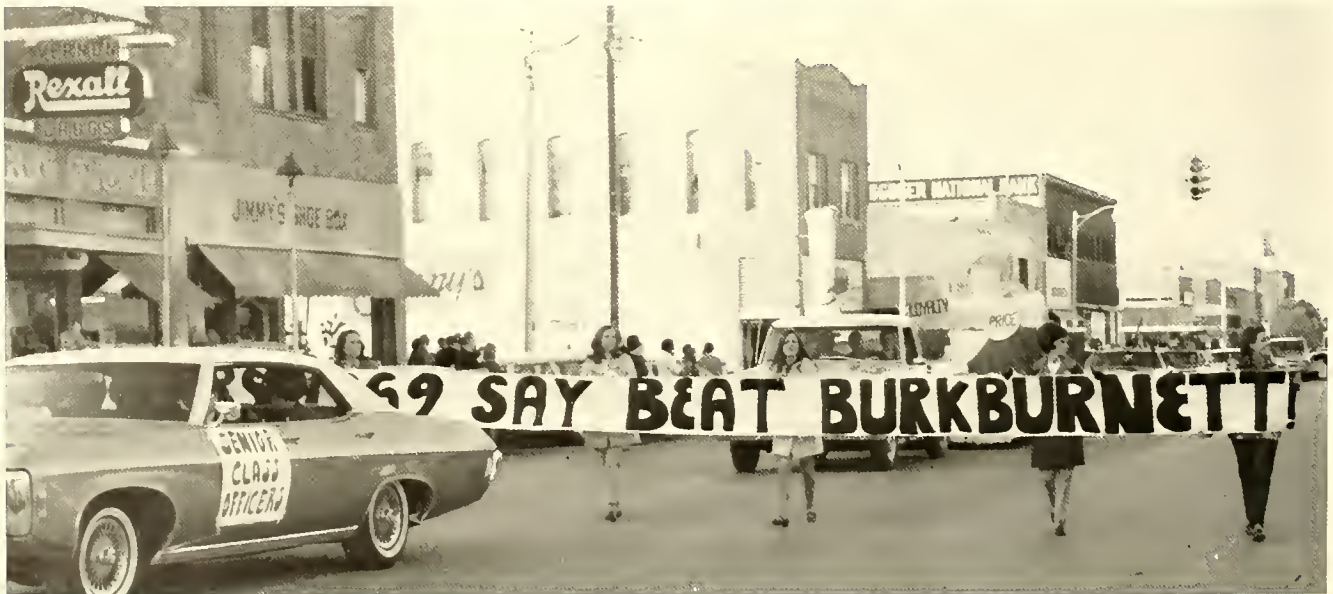
LAST YEAR FOR SR. '69

Seniors Record



A Homecoming tradition, to have a bonfire the night before the game, finds many Lion-backers gathering around the fire and yelling to support the Lions.

"Go, Lions, go!" yells cheerleader Sara Jane Snell at one of the pep rallies. Being a cheerleader is something worth remembering for a long time.



Long-awaited, Homecoming afternoon found six spirited Lion-supporting seniors marching down Main Street carrying a long sign saying, "Sr. '69 Say Beat Burkburnett!" Participation in the parade included

students representing all four classes along with the various clubs, band members, and class officers. To make the event complete, the Lions muzzled the Bulldogs 42-0.

Exciting Memories

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines MEMORY (mem o ri), n; l. The sum of what one can remember; as, a richly stored memory. 2. The time within which past events can be or are remembered.

With eleven years of schooling behind them, the seniors of 1969 find that they have only one short year left in which to be together before sprouting out in different directions in the near future. Remaining behind them are all of the wonderful memories of their school years. None of these are as cherishable as the ones made during the senior year.

The last pep rally, the last bonfire, the last Homecoming game, the Senior play, the Senior parties, the final day of school, and the Senior picnic, all bring cherishable memories to those who participated.

With pride and dignity, the seniors sang the Alma Mater of V.H.S. for the last time as a class.



One of the memories of a senior year is the arrival of senior rings. With the day finally arriving, Janice Smith, Lee Ann Jones, Kay Self, Paula Quillin, Judy Graf, Betsy Johnston, Kathy Keener, and Theresa Robertson proudly display theirs.



After voting for their theme "Three Coins in a Fountain," seniors diligently began work on their float for the Homecoming parade. Here, Patsy Odom and Rita Huff stuff white kleenexes into molded

chicken wire to form the fountain. With all four classes competing, the competition was stiff. However, the Sophomore float, "Shoot Em Up, Lions," won first place.

VARIED INTERESTS

V.H.S. Classmates

The ever-changing spirit of the wind marks the changes in students' lives. As they mature throughout their high school years, they become occupied with different interests.

Some may enjoy the more serious interests, like studying or learning to fly an airplane. Others turn to carefree pleasures, such as: becoming a child and playing with tadpoles or enjoying school picnics and playing games.

Many students join clubs to broaden their school activities. Band, chorus, debate, drama, pep club, and cheerleading, are a few of these organizations. Sports activities, like football, basketball, track, tennis, and golf, teach students the way to have good sportsmanship, while at the same time, allow the participants to have fun and skill.

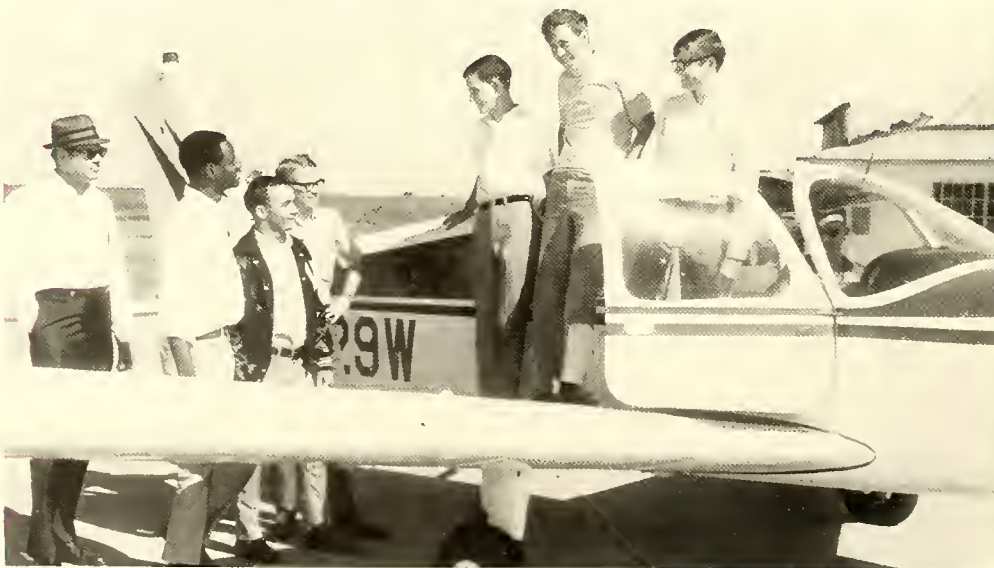
Producing the yearbook and newspaper is another interest. These students learn to become organized and learn to make plans. Still other students attend classes only a half a day to go to work downtown and to learn of the business world around them.

All of these interests make school an organized body. The students are drawn together by their interests, and they learn to work and live with others.



Cheerleaders, Pam Rose, Karen Flesher, and Kenda Phelps, bundle up in coats and blankets to warm their spirits at a football game.

Drama students, Theresa Robertson, Karen Flesher, Jyme Jackson, Sara Snell, Barbara Dickey, Kathy Keener, Lee Ann Jones, and Jan Bolton, pose as the Seven Dwarfs in the Children's play, "Snow White."



Aeronautical Science students, Mike Dean, Kenneth Baldwin, Dan Osborne, Randy Stroble, J. W. Hoover, and Mark Cooper, listen attentively to Mr. Hamp Naylor as he instructs them in the art of flying.



Demonstrate Desire for Varied Interests



After a grinding day at school, Brenda Hollars enjoys going into the yard to play with some tadpoles she caught after a rain.



Jarrell Bohot flies through the air after losing his balance on top of some stacked barrels at the park on Frontier Day.



'Spirit of Wind' Carries Inspired Dreams



Faithfully attending all of the football games, Steven Thiebaud holds the dream that any young man would love—being a great football player. Here, he rests on the sidelines of a game.



Thinking about the future brings many worries and anxieties to Kay Nowlin as she rests in the limbs of a mimosa tree.

The spirit of the wind carries with it the hopes and fears of a new season or life. These hopes turn into dreams, until a sudden gust of wind brings us back to reality. Everyone hopes for a better life than he has, and he dreams constantly of ways to acquire a new one. Without dreams there would be no real cause for living. We start dreaming when we are young children and then form them into some sort of pattern as we grow older. There are various dreams—the dream of becoming someone great, the dream of being a star football player, the dream of a new life to come, the dream of winning a prize, or even the dream of making good grades in school. People dream everyday of new ways to acquire glory.



As Larry Smith bestows the traditional Valentine kiss upon Judy Graf, Carey Upton and Mike Underwood dream of the day when maybe they will have the honor of being Valentine Sweethearts.

HIGH HOPES

Students Strive Toward Dreams of Glory



During Homecoming week, all classes worked feverishly on floats for the parade. After a week of stuffing kleenexes into chicken wire, the

students compete for a first place medal. This year, the Sophomores had the glory of winning with their float, "Shoot 'Em Up Lions."



On a cold night at a football game, Bobby Byars hopes for strength and courage to win the impending game. All players hope for victory, but their dreams do not always hold true.



Kenneth Barton enters school with the hopes that the coming school day will bring the fulfillment of his dreams of glory.

Rally Round the Cafeteria Tables Kids!



"He really did!" exclaims Nancy Herchman to Vick. Dickerson and Sheryl Lavendar as flurries of gossip fly around the table. Lunch is also a time to talk.

Straining with all their might, John Querner and J. W. Hoover compete for strength, while Greg Forbes, Norman Baird, and Tim Starnes eagerly observe.



Steven Brown is "eating and enjoying every minute of it," while John Querner, Mike Coggins, and Robert Cargile take time from their lunch to laugh at a funny joke. During the lunch period,

students take time to relax from their studies as well as to enjoy their food. The lunch period is divided into two separate periods, both being thirty minutes in length.

Curtain Opens to Participants in Action

Blowing wind causes many disturbances. Too much wind corrupts and destroys, but just a few gusts of wind are enough to irritate anybody. What happens behind the scenes could almost be compared to this wind. Things happen everyday that not everyone knows about—the daily duties performed by teachers and students, the minor disturbances in classrooms, the words spoken in the halls, the things that happen in the lunch room, the preparation of the yearbook, and the preparation of an assembly behind the stage. All of these events happen behind the scenes because the general student body is unaware of them happening. Some may be so small that even the actor is unaware of his doing them. Others may be so corruptive that a group of participants may be almost hysterical. Nevertheless, it is what goes on behind the scenes that causes more fuss than what goes on in public.

"Look what she's doing, Teacher!" Larry Bradford seems to be saying, as Lillie Mae Ryan jokingly puts her arm around him. The photographer really caught these two behind the scenes.



In the magazine room in the library, assistant, Maria Atkisson, prepares a projector for use by one of the teachers.



After arranging everything in its place, Mrs. Carol Weldon, history and government teacher, proudly displays her bulletin board, which won a "First Place" ribbon.

FUNTIER DAY FROLIC

Annual Affair Enjoyed by Student Body

One may walk down the halls on one day in May and see many varieties of western apparel. This day is known as Western Day, an annual affair at VHS. At lunch the students are released to go to Allingham Park for a barbecue lunch and fun and frolic. After lunch, students may participate in the games. This day is sponsored by the Student Council.



Boys of all classifications enjoy friendly competition of barrel riding as fellow students watch with anxiety.



Carrying his trash box, Mr. James Easley makes the rounds to pick up after hungry students who hurriedly finish their lunch.



Seniors Gary Gordon, Larry Lawson, Johnny Phipps, and Billy Kidd enjoy barbecue during the Western Day celebration at Allingham

Park. Western Day features a feast of barbecue with all the trimmings plus barrel riding, pie-eating contests, and three-legged sack races.

PRINCIPAL'S INTEREST

Principal Participates in School Activities

Being principal of a AAA high school is not all dealing with grim discipline problems and administrative tedium. Mr. James Easley, principal, finds that his chores can vary from attending bonfires and Frontier Day picnics to admiring new clothes received as gifts.

Mr. Easley graduated from Mort High School in Mort, Texas, in 1938. He attended Austin College, and then received his Master of Education Degree from West Texas State University. He served in the Air Force for four years during World War II. Mr. Easley then held positions at Groesback, East Texas Baptist College, Alice, and Donna, Texas, as coach and athletic director. He served as principal at Cal Farley's Boys' Ranch High School for five years before coming to Vernon as principal in 1966, with his wife, Ruth, and his two children, Ethelyn and Greg.



Besides staying confined in school, Mr. Easley travels around the community whenever a school activity is in process. Here, he is seen visiting with a friend at the Homecoming bonfire.



Mr. Easley admires his brand new sports coat which was given to him as a Christmas gift by the faculty.



Eating ice cream is a favorite with Mr. Easley, especially when eating with friends. Here, he enjoys the company of Mrs. Kester and Mr. Logan.

Spirit of Leadership

Flying with the spirit of the wind around and about him, the hawk seems to control the movements within the sky. Being a born leader, he eliminates with talon and beak the evils in nature and encourages the good. The faculty and administration are comparable to the soaring hawk in flight. They control the school with carefully planned curriculum and instruct through motivation and desire those students who wish to obtain more instruction and knowledge. Administrators and teachers together work to eliminate the evils harmful to students and encourage them to do what is right.



Industrious Supervisory Staff Encourages



Mrs. Agnes Russell and Mr. Charles Bursey prepare a table of "goodies" for teachers to enjoy the last day before Christmas holidays. They encourage students to stop by their office whenever in need of counseling.



Posting accounts onto the ledger sheets, Mrs. Earl Michie has a full day's work being Secretary to the principal and a helper in the guidance department.



Mrs. Bessie Goss talks to Ricky Baker about the classes he has chosen to take for the following year. She has the job of registering all of the students and keeping their schedules and files in order. She keeps a recent record of every student in V.H.S.

Leadership Ability

Guiding students through their years at Vernon High School, Mr. James Easley, principal, faces his day-to-day work with ability and integrity. He is never too busy to assist a teacher or student in the various problems which arise during the school years. During a school day, Mr. Easley works with curriculum, supervises teaching personnel, confers with students, and solves such hectic problems as parking spaces. Mr. Easley brings into the life of each student and teacher the type of aid which is necessary in their school lives.

Mr. James Logan, assistant principal, successfully performs a variety of administrative tasks. In this position, he has the responsibility of issuing absentee slips and tardy permits, along with the numerous other duties of an assistant principal. He also teaches a class in trigonometry, elementary analysis, and Avialational Science.

Secretaries for Vernon High School are Mrs. Bess Goss and Mrs. Earl Michie. Mrs. Goss, registrar, assists students in registering in the various classes which are offered at V.H.S. Mrs. Earl Michie is Secretary to the principal and works with the Guidance Department.

Supervising the Guidance Department of Vernon High School are Mr. Charles Bursey and Mrs. Agnes Russell. Mr. Bursey gives individual guidance and interprets test scores to the students, while Mrs. Russell directs the overall program of guidance.



Taking time out during the day, Mr. Easley stops at the intercom to make an important announcement to the student body and faculty.



Mr. James Logan grins at the excuse of a tardy student as he looks up from his busy schedule of administrative duties.

Administration Tackles Variety of Tasks



Mr. Louie Holder, assistant superintendent, works busily trying to arrange his thoughts for the new day. He is in charge of spending, maintenance, and buses.



Mrs. Bill Streit, Mr. Leo Taylor, Mrs. A. L. Hicks, and Mrs. Jimmy Lutz, are found relaxing from their tedious jobs at the Board of Education Building.



The Board of Education is a symbol to the citizens and students of Vernon as a building block to the Vernon School System. From this

building come many decisions which are important to the improvement of the local school curriculum.

SCHOOL BOARD

Citizens Give Energies Freely for Youth



Superintendent, Mr. Harold Beam, in his office at the Board of Education Building, performs the various duties which will benefit the school system.

Mr. Harold Beam, superintendent, fulfills the administrator's roles as planner of curriculum, link between school board and faculty, and chief public relations executive. Mr. Beam is constantly aware of the needs of the individual student and teacher and presents to them the leadership and progress which they require.

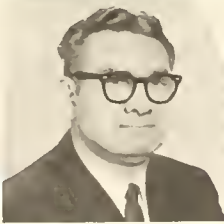
Mr. Louie Holder, Assistant Superintendent, supervises spending, maintenance, and buses among his many other tasks. From his office in the Board of Education Building, Mr. Holder accomplishes many tasks which will profit the work of the School Board and its members.

Seven members of the community make up the Board of Education which is always alert to the changing needs of youth of Vernon. These seven men's knowledge of various fields of learning help to develop a vital link between citizens and school administrative personnel. These seven members are: Mr. Bill McBroom, Warren Pruitt, Floyd Graf, Bob Wright, James King, R. A. Duke, and Dr. Marvin Sharp.

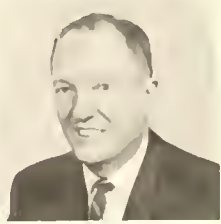
Others who work at the Board of Education are Mrs. Bill Streit, secretary to the superintendent, Mr. Leo Taylor, bookkeeper, Mrs. A. L. Hicks, works under Title One, and Mrs. Jimmy Lutz, secretary to the Assistant Superintendent. All of the workers help promote a Board of Education which will benefit the school system.



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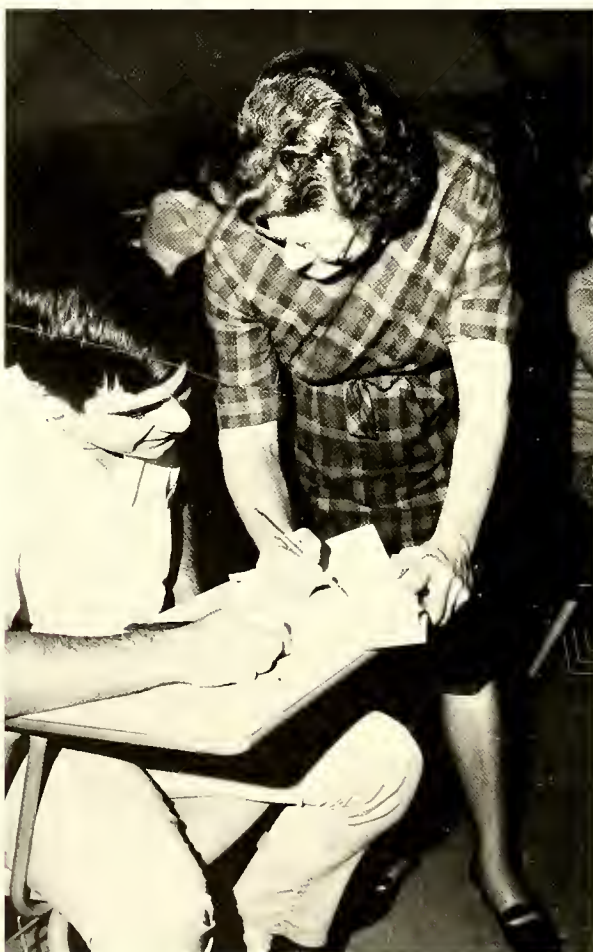
MR. BOB WRIGHT





Science and math require much hard concentration and knowledge on the students' part, but the teacher needs just as much knowledge on recent material if not more than the student needs. Studying

carefully some information concerning science and mathematics, Mr. Bobby Wall and Mr. Ripley do research for their students' benefit as well as for their own benefit.



Math can be very complicated at times, but it becomes easier when the teacher persuades the student to think for himself. Mrs. Vena Moore demonstrates this quality to Andrew Cargile.

Mrs. Carrie Mae Oliver points to a difficult English question for Terry Flye to answer. While pondering over the question, he cannot decide which is the best answer to use.



Students Show Brilliance Through Thinking

Thinking is the most important happening in the school day. Much valuable information is stored in the back of one's mind. To recall some of this knowledge, one must think. Even the everyday thoughts that run through one's mind are a process of thinking.

While reading or studying, a person must concentrate hard on his subject to be able to recall it at a later date. When not concentrating, a person has to think that much harder to be able to use his information. Some brilliant people have photogenic minds, a natural ability to recall information at any later date. Only a rare few have this quality, however.

Another form of thinking is daydreaming. Daydreaming can be good, as long as a person does not base his goals on intangible dreams of fame.

Sherry Walker finds that concentration is a quality needed for typing. Tony Barrier pauses, wondering what to do next.



Mr. Alva Vaughn watches Steve Ballard and a classmate as they decide which parts to use in Auto Mechanics.



Students Seek Answers to New Problems



Who will be elected, "Nixon, Humphrey, or Wallace?" Gloria Roque-more, Amelia Cook, Gloria Scott, and David Barton find that deciding who should hold the office of President of the United States

is a difficult task. History classes took tallies to see just who they wanted the winner to be. Throughout election week, students held debates on the various candidates.

Geronimo Lagunas laughs at Joni Lutz as she asks him a question that does not concern "news reading" in Speech. Other students, Danna Lynn, Nancy Jones, David Johnson, Weylin Steele, Mike Sanderson, and David Fennell, look on with interest.



Through Questioning

One way of learning something new is by asking questions. A person is never too old to ask a question about something he does not understand. Problems, that need to be answered, arise every day. Whether at home, at school, at church, or even at social gatherings, these problems create small worries. Then who would know the answers? Only those who have gone before us seeking the same answers would know.

Curiosity is a main reason for asking questions. Even wanting to know what one is doing is just a satisfaction of curiosity. It is said that curiosity killed the cat, but a person needs a little in him in order to want to learn and to advance to broader fields of study.

Worldly situations, that need much thought and understanding before being answered, arise daily. Then who answers them? The people, educated or ignorant, still must seek these answers by asking questions, themselves.



Wondering about the answer to a French question, Sharon White asks her teacher, Miss Linda Young, to help with an answer.

Mrs. Barbara Hughes, Speech and Drama teacher, stops her work of reading to question the activities of a student in her classroom.



"Guess what I'm up to now?" thinks Jerry O'Gorman as he looks questionably across the room. Classmate, Gary Roddy, studies his assignment. Both have debate first period.

Students Participate in Their Classrooms by



In Vocational Information Class, Mr. Charles Dillion, teacher, and students, Vicki Shelton, Carl Richardson, Sheron Compton, Wayne

Cook, Marthe Fay Fields, Johnny Diaz, Paul Edward Imel, and Kenneth McBride, observe a demonstration for In-service training.

To find an answer, experiment until one is proven correct. In chemistry lab, David Dunnam, Pat Peterson, and Mr. Roddy run an experiment involving titration.

Sherry Carpenter and Keith Owens, Senior English students, check for last minute corrections on their compositions before turning them in as "perfect" papers to Mrs. Lois Jo Selman.



Taking Big Action

After one dreams and forms opinions about things, something must be done to prepare the making of reality. Dreams cannot go untouched. They must be written down and studied. After this process, one can make that dream come true, but only by doing something about it, not just daydreaming about it.

A major process in doing something is learning. By having someone to show us how to do something, we learn to do it on our own. By examples on blackboards, demonstrations by teachers, illustrations in books, or experiments in class, students learn to recognize their abilities and can then set forth to perfect them by taking actions in the right directions.

People are doing things all the time. Whether they are carrying out plans, performing a task, sleeping at night, exerting strength, producing a play, cleaning up something, decorating for a dance, talking to someone, demonstrating a process, singing in the chorus, playing in the band, traveling somewhere, writing a paper, finishing a product, or experimenting in lab, they are still doing something worthwhile and are learning at the same time.

Demonstrating the use of the potter's wheel, Miss Claudine Williamson describes the many uses of one's hands and the products produced.



In Sophomore English, Vicki Jobe, Beth Moore, Suzanne Bartlett, Cheryl Belew, Pam Rose, Lesli Davis, Teresa Yeager, and Debbie Burdette, observe as Mrs. Pace shows them how to produce a yearbook.

During Homemaking class, Mrs. Inez McCauley tears off strips of wax paper to use in the preparation of making cookies.



Student Body Livens-up



While they should be watching a film and taking notes over it in history class, Laura Wilson, Sharon Lambert, and Susan Steel laugh and talk about daily affairs that have no connection with history.

While students are busy watching a film in history class, Coach Marler leaves the room to clown around a bit on a pair of crutches. Besides teaching history, he is also a football and basketball coach.



All classes are not dull, not even classes that are as advanced as Biology II. Here, students, Paula Quillin, Billy Kidd, Phil Bartlett, and Gary Roddy, and General Science teacher, Mr. Hunter, relax and laugh

at a funny joke. Biology II is a two hour class before lunch which involves a deeper study of living organisms and vital processes and the surrounding environments.

Classrooms by Encouraging Laughter, Fun

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." This is a famous quotation which still remains to be true today. School is not only a place to learn, but it is a place to make friends and to have fun, as well.

Sometimes teachers seem to have more fun than the students do. They seem to make a classroom more interesting by adding "bright" comments, or by "acting up," every now and then.

Golden, youthful laughter helps to brighten one's personality and helps to make one good natured. By laughing, students, as well as teachers, may relieve tension sometimes found in classrooms.

"All right, just don't push!" shouts Donna Browning as Melinda Hardcastle, Rhonda Garrison, and Sara Sullivan shove her into taking a shower during a P. E. class.



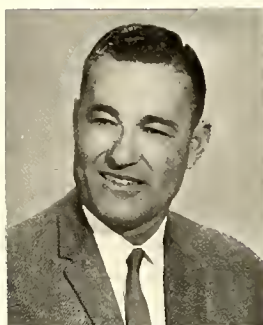
As students, Jerry O'Gorman, Theresa Robertson, and Daryl Dickey, read over a speech to give in debate, Gary Roddy closes his eyes for a few minutes' rest, and teacher, Mrs. Burns, winks at the pho-

tographèr, knowing that her students have been taken by complete surprise. These students prepare debates to give in class and to the different clubs around Vernon.



BUSY TEACHERS

Faculty Composed of Teachers, Coaches



MR. BOBBY ARNOLD



MRS. LAURIE ASHLEY



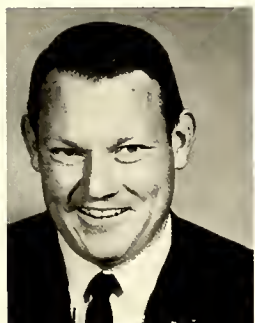
MRS. BERNICE BELEW



MRS. NADINE BURNS



MRS. FAYE CLARK



MR. JED DENNIS



MR. CHARLES DILLON



MRS. DRUCILLA EDWARDS



Mrs. Mildred Wall relaxes from her duties in the library to take time out for a Dr. Pepper. The lounge is a good place to escape from hectic classrooms.



MRS. ELIZABETH EURE



MRS. CLEA HOLT



MRS. BARBARA HUGHES



MR. JACK HUNTER



MRS. SHARON KESTER



MR. JAMES LOGAN



MRS. INEZ MCCAULEY



MRS. CHERYL MALONE

Teachers "Clown Around" With Students



MR. RICHARD MARLER



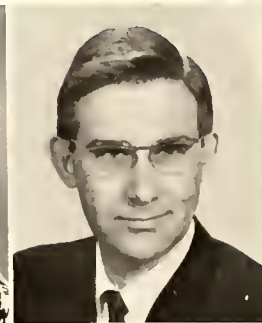
MRS. NADINE MARTIN



MRS. ALTA MILLER



MRS. PATRICIA MILLER



MR. GEORGE MITCHELL



"Help!" the "Taco Dorito Bandito" strikes again! Coach Royce Shipp, coach and history teacher, spends half of his time sneaking Doritos out of his desk.



MISS ALBERTA MOORE



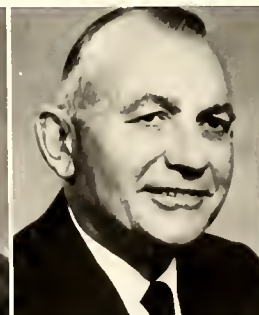
MISS VENA MOORE



MRS. CARRIE MAE OLIVER



MRS. JASIMINE PACE



MR. C. R. PATTISON



MR. RONNIE REEGER



MR. STANLEY RIPLEY



MR. LOWELL RODDY



MISS THERESA ROSE



MRS. LOIS JO SELMAN



MR. ROYCE SHIPP



MRS. KATHRYN SHIVERS



MR. JIMMY SMITH



MR. WILLIAM SPEED



MRS. CAROLYN THURMAN



MR. F. E. TODD



MR. JACKIE UPTON



"Now that was funny!" exclaims Mr. Bob Arnold as he laughs at a joker in another room. Teachers, as well as students, enjoy laughing every now and then to help relieve the tensions of studying.



MR. ALVA VAUGHN



MR. BOBBY WALL



MRS. MILDRED WALL



MRS. PAULINE WALLACE



MRS. CAROL WELDON



MR. JACK WELDON



MISS CLAUDINE WILLIAMSON



MISS LINDA YOUNG

WORK CREW

Workers Keep School in Tip-Top Shape

Striving to serve the school in a variety of ways, the janitors and cafeteria workers labor continuously and tirelessly keeping the school cleaned and the students and faculty fed. These people perform some of the most vital duties in maintaining the order of the school and keeping up with the supplies needed in the cafeteria.



Mrs. Leila Evans waits on Richard McDuff as he decides what type of candy he wants from the snack bar.



Cafeteria worker, Mrs. Coleta Adams, prepares to dish out some corn bread for the students standing in line to eat during the B lunch period.



Mr. Hershel Morris is found performing one of his various duties at school, cleaning the water fountains.



Mr. James Masters empties a wastebasket, which is one of his duties as janitor at Vernon High School.



Mr. Ray Torrez very conscientiously sweeps one of the classrooms before he begins waxing and polishing them.

Spirit of Recognition

Various members of the school body have an air about them that reflects honor and praise. These people stand out from the others like the rays of a rising sun on the rolling prairie. The sunrise is the birth of a new and fresh day and the death of an old and dark night. Honorable people begin a new life after a day of reconing. Their fame is whispered over the land like the early morning shadows, and the spirit of the wind carries their name throughout the halls of V.H.S.



SIX CHANT CHEERS

Hey! Hey! Victory! Victory! Is Our Cry



Shown in one of the nine pep rallies are cheerleaders Karen Flesher, Sara Jane Snell, Deborah Sullivan, Kenda Phelps, Pam

Rose, and Teresa Yeager. These girls did all they could to help the Lions through football season and various other sports.



Vernon High School cheerleaders for 1968-69 are head cheerleader Karen Flesher, Sara Jane Snell, juniors Kenda Phelps and Deborah Sullivan, and sophomores Pam Rose and Teresa Yeager.

CHEERLEADERS

Energetic Six Promote High School Spirit

Six- hard-working, energetic girls, headed by Karen Flesher, kept the spirit alive throughout the athletic season. These girls were responsible for the ribbon sales, practice and planning of pep rallies, decorating the goal posts, and giving their best spirited performance at all of the games.

Elected by popular vote in the spring, the cheerleaders attended a cheerleading workshop at Southern Methodist University where they participated in sessions of yells, pompon routines, and chants. The girls won three first place and one second place ribbon. Also this year, the Vernon High School cheerleaders brought back the spirit stick that they won by being the girls with the most spirit throughout the week at S.M.U.

Sponsored by the Art teacher, Miss Claudine Williamson, who is also one of the sponsors of the Pep Club, the cheerleaders carried out their duties through a fantastic football season, a victorious basketball season, and an amazing track season. Through the hard work and efforts of these six girls, the spirit and good sportsmanship which is a tradition of Vernon High was upheld.

Kenda Phelps, Deborah Sullivan, Pam Rose, and Teresa Yeager are shown in the cheerleaders' car, which is a tradition in the Homecoming parade.



"Go, go, go," yells an enthusiastic head cheerleader Karen Flesher. Karen has been a cheerleader for three years.

One of the many things that the cheerleaders did to help the Lions this year was to hold pep rallies in front of the bus before the boys left. Kenda Phelps, Karen Flesher, and Sara Snell yell for the boys before they leave for the Hirschi game.





Organized for two years, the pep club performed its routines during football season. The club was sponsored by Miss Claudine Williamson and Miss Linda Young and was headed by student director Paula Quillin. The Lionettes include; Seniors: Maria Atkission, Janet Bachman, Debra Beaty, Jan Bolton, Debbie Bookout, Judie Brownlow, Margene Cook, Mary De La Rosa, Barbara Dickey, Debra Fox, Judy Graf, Diane Herchman, Cindy Hingst, Margie Jobe, Betsy Johnston, Lee Ann Jones, Terry Jones, Kathy Keener, Nancy Long, Joni Lutz, Vicki Morgan, Patsy Odom, Theresa Robertson, Kay Self,

Mary Sheridan, Sherry Townson, and Sherri Waggoner; Juniors: Claudia Colley, Fran Crawford, Marsha Duffie, Cynthia Earthman, Beverly Gibson, Lana Greshel, Neisha Hunt, Jyme Jackson, Marilyn Jacobs, Donna Koontz, Deborah Naylor, Patti Price, Sharon Reinisch, Susan Steele, Kenya Taylor, Sandy Teague, Jan Todd, Sharon White, and Laura Wilson; Sophomores: Suzanne Bartlett, Debi Burdette, Johnnie Condon, Leslie Davis, Rhonda Garrison, Emily Hanna, Melinda Hardcastle, Cindy Jones, Brenda McBeath, Marilyn McGann, Lisa McLaughlin, Mitzi Miller, Mary Ann Sutton, and Ann Word.

Sponsored by Miss Claudine Williamson and Miss Linda Young, the Pep Club which has been in existence for two years, is a part of Vernon High School. An additional thirty girls were added to last years thirty, making the total membership sixty enthusiastic girls. Another addition to the Pep Club this year was a Student Director, who headed the Pep Club and who was responsible for the practice, training, and formation of the club. Appointed by the head cheerleader, Paula Quillin was named Student Director. In case of sickness, Lion Mascot, Janice Smith led the pep squad in routines and yells during the game.

Beginning in August, members of the Pep Club met

throughout football season every Tuesday night for practice sessions. The girls learned pompon routines, glove routines, new yells, and chants that could be used at the pep rallies and during the games. Colorful maroon and white uniforms were worn by all the girls, and they sat together as a group to yell for the Vernon Lions. These sixty-one girls tried to influence and persuade the rest of the student body to be as spirited, as energetic, and as proud of the Vernon Lions as they were.

Consisting of twenty-eight seniors, nineteen juniors, and fourteen sophomores, the Vernon High School Pep Club helped to make the spirit of '68 well worth remembering to all.

LIONETTES

Lion Hearted Spirit Shines in 60 Lionettes



Each Tuesday night was designated as the night for the meeting of the Vernon High School Pep Club during football season.



Sounds of "Stop, Look, and Listen here come the mighty Lions" were heard through the streets of downtown Vernon homecoming day. Members of the Pep Club rode on the fire engine and yelled for the Lions as the parade progressed.



It is kick off time and each member of the Pep Club is awaiting the boot of the ball. These girls did routines and yells at each game.



"Actions speak louder than words." These jubilant girls feel there is no need for words to express their feelings as the Vernon Lions put six points on the scoreboard. Throughout an exciting football season, Student director, Paula Quillin and Lion Mascot, Janice Smith led the Pep Club in their yells and pompon routines.

HOMECOMING 1968

Enthusiastic and Emotional



Attendant Debra Beaty was escorted by halfback Willard Wilson.



Attendant Karen Flesher was escorted by tackle Kenny Towery.



Attendant Judy Graf was escorted by tackle Gary Gordon.



Attendant Vicki Morgan was escorted by linebacker Jarrell Bohot.



Attendant Kay Self was escorted by right end James Liles.



Attendant Janice Smith was escorted by full-back Kenneth Baldwin.



Overwhelmed with pride and anxiety Sara Jane Snell beams with happiness as she is announced 1968 Homecoming Queen. Sara Jane is as pleased as her fellow students.

Pep Rally Concludes Exciting Homecoming



SARA JANE SNELL

Homecoming 1968 was set off by a booming bonfire at the old Lion Stadium Thursday night.

Then came Friday, November 8, Homecoming Day. Amid clapping hands and cheering voices, Sara Jane Snell was announced 1968 Homecoming Queen. Dempsey Harrison presented the roses, crown, and traditional kiss to the queen. The queen's attendants; Debra Beaty, Karen Flesher, Judy Graf, Vicki Morgan, Kay Self, and Janice Smith, were escorted by senior, offensive, two-year-lettermen, and presented to the student body.

That afternoon a thrilling parade was seen throughout downtown Vernon. There were cars, floats, and bands, all representing the spirit and enthusiasm of the Vernon Lions. The Sophomore Class gained recognition when their float "Shoot 'Em Up Lions," won first place over the three other classes.

The big game between the Mighty Vernon Lions and Burkburnett Bulldogs came next. The Queen and her attendants were presented to the mob of uproaring football fans at half-time. And then, the entire Homecoming event was topped off with a 42-0 victory over the Bulldogs.



Expressions of mother and daughter give an idea of how happy Sara Jane is after she has been crowned Queen.

BASKETBALL ROYALTY

Cheerleader, Karen Flesher



Attendant Debra Beaty



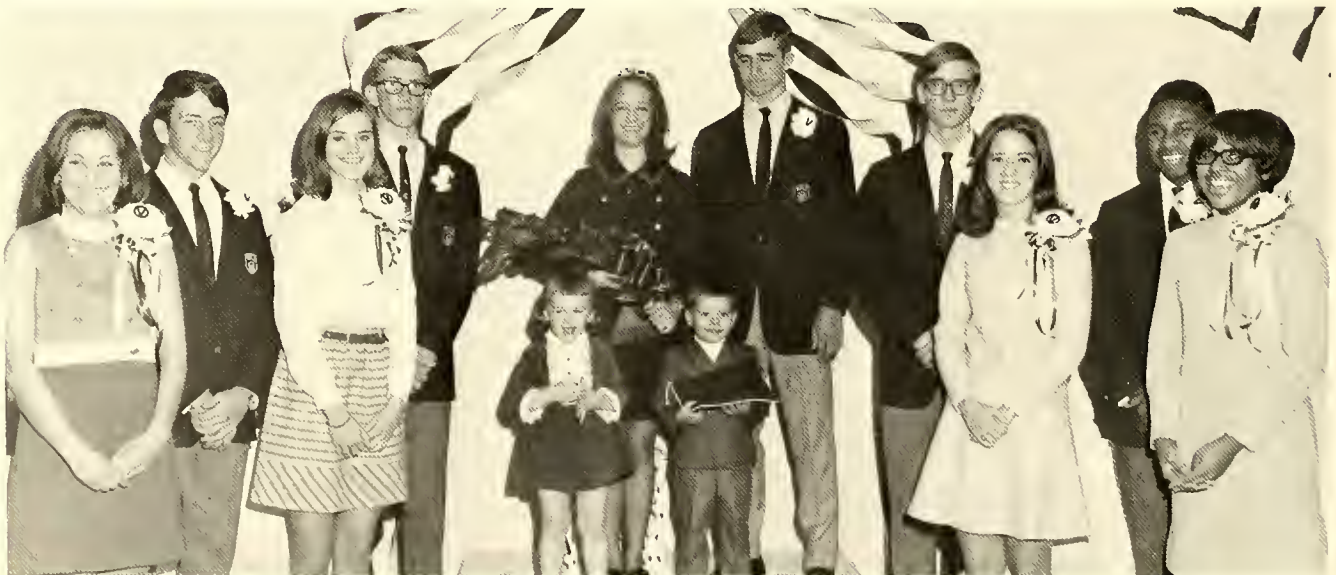
Queen Karen Flesher



Attendant Teresa Yeager



Bobby Byars hands the traditional roses to 1969 Basketball Queen Karen Flesher as Roger Brownlow stands by with the traditional crown.



The Basketball Court included Teresa Yeager, Rhonda Garrison, Karen Flesher, Sara Snell, and Debra Beaty.

Reigns as Roundball Queen for 1969



KAREN FLESHER

Chosen by the varsity basketball team, Karen Flesher was crowned 1968-69 Basketball Queen. Karen was presented the traditional red roses, crown, and kiss by her escort, Bobby Byars, who was a member of the varsity squad.

Other attendants and their escorts were Debra Beaty and Willard Wilson, Rhonda Garrison and Daryl Dickey, Sara Snell and Mike Coggins, and Teresa Yeager and Lonnie Davis.

Jana Holt carried the roses, and Roger Brownlow served as crown bearer.

Attendant Sara Jane Snell was escorted by Mike Coggins.



Attendant Rhonda Garrison was escorted by Daryl Dickey.



With streaming tears of joy, Karen is escorted to her throne by Bobby Byars.



Judy Graf Heads 1969 Valentine Court

Judy Graf, the 1969 Valentine Queen, was elected by a popular vote of the student body from a group of seven senior girls. Each of the seven girls was responsible for choosing an escort.

Ricky Fennell and Brent Stewart served as masters of ceremony for the occasion sponsored by the National Honor Society. Randy Riall and Johnny Davis provided an introduction on the bugles for each attendant. Carrie Upton and Micheal Underwood served as flower girl and crown bearer.

Larry Smith presented the roses and bestowed the traditional kiss. Attendants and escorts included Debra Beaty, Willard Wilson, Karen Flesher, Bobby Byars, Janice Smith, Kenny Skipworth, Sara Jane Snell, Daryl Dickey, Kay Self, Bill Powell, Jan Bolton, and Johnny Phipps.



JUDY GRAF AND LARRY SMITH



"Watch your step." Larry Smith helps a nervous Valentine Queen, Judy Graf as she makes her approach to the throne.



Senior students being honored as attendants on the Valentine Day court included: Willard Wilson, Debra Beaty, Bobby Byars, Larry Smith,

Sara Snell, Daryl Dickey, Kay Self, Bill Powell, Jan Bolton, and Johnny Phipps.

Simpson and Sullivan Have Many Skills



Each year All School favorites are recognized for their cheerful personality, outstanding leadership, and ability to maintain and further the high ideals of our school.

By majority vote the student body elected Bobby Simpson, a Senior student, and Deborah Sullivan, a Junior student, as All School favorites for the 1968-69 school year. This election was the first in Vernon High School history that two people had enough nominations that there was no need for a final election.

Deborah has been a Vernon High School cheerleader for two years, served as Basketball Queen attendant her freshman and sophomore years, nominee for class favorite her freshman year, and is now a member of the Sorosis Junior-ettes and Horizon Club. She is presently serving on the Roar staff.

Bobby was a two year letterman in football, basketball, and track. He was also on the Kiwanis' baseball team for two summers. He was nominated for All School favorite his freshman and sophomore years. Bobby was also nominated for Class favorite his freshman and sophomore years.

Being chosen All School favorites, is one of the highest honors any student can receive from the entire student body. This election is sponsored by the Student Council.

Finding time to study is hard, but Bobby Simpson, All School favorite, seems to be concentrating hard on his book.



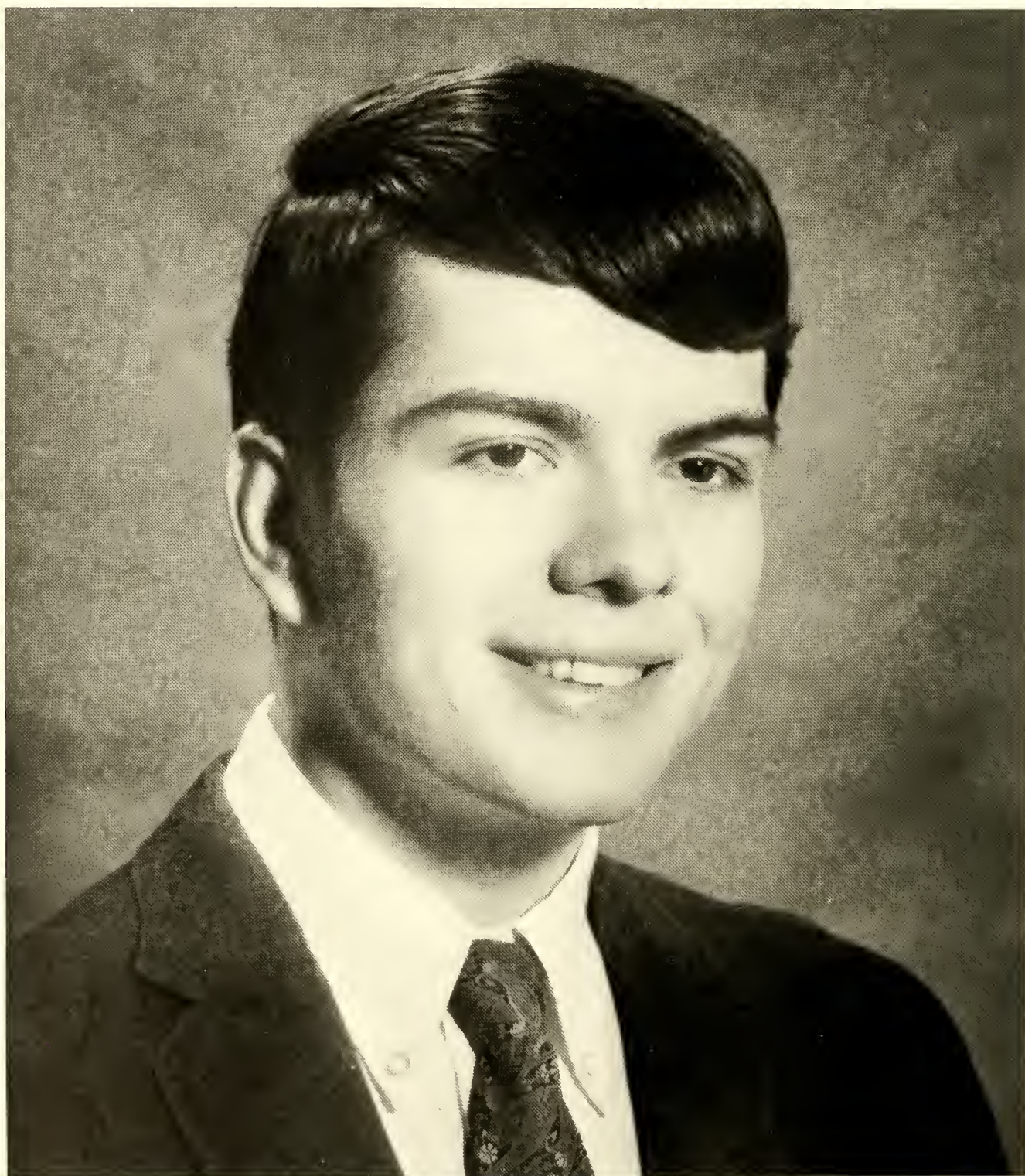
All School favorites Deborah Sullivan, Junior, and Bobby Simpson, Senior, take time out of their busy schedules to play a fun, but confusing chess game.



Being careful not to spill the acid, Deborah Sullivan, All School favorite, prepares for a Chemistry experiment.

BOBBY SIMPSON

Senior Boy Is Designated as Favorite



DEBORAH SULLIVAN *Pictured opposite* AND BOBBY SIMPSON, (Above), All-School Favorites.

DEBORAH SULLIVAN

Junior Girl Ranks as the Most Popular



Bobby Simpson and Deborah Sullivan are the typical students of V.H.S. Bobby and Deborah were nominated and elected by a majority nomination as All School favorites. Bobby has been a varsity

football and basketball player for two years. Deborah has been a cheerleader for two years. These two students will be remembered for their friendliness and varied contributions to V.H.S.

Sara and Steven Are Selected by Seniors



SARA JANE SNELL AND STEVE BROWN

"Go Lions Go," yells Sara Jane Snell as Steven Brown looks on. Sara and Steven were chosen as Senior favorites by their fellow classmates. Sara has been a cheerleader for three years and was crowned Home-

coming Queen this year. Steven has been active in sports, lettering on the varsity football squad two years. Both students show the spirit that is important to Vernon High.

Claudia and Ricky Are Named Friendliest



CLAUDIA COLLEY AND RICKY SIMS

"Oh no you don't," exclaims Claudia Colley as Rickey Sims tries to snatch her purse. These juniors were elected by popular vote as favorites of their class. Claudia backed the Lions in the Pep Club

and Ricky played on the varsity football squad. Ricky has served as Treasurer of his junior class. Both Ricky and Claudia have been nominated each year for class favorites.

Dennis, Brenda Branded by Sophomores



BRENDA McBEATH AND DENNIS KING

Standing by to help a frustrated Brenda McBeath is Dennis King, who is happy to help a lady in distress. Brenda and Dennis were elected by popular vote as Sophomore Class favorites. Brenda was a member

of the Vernon High School Pep Club, while Dennis was a varsity player for the 1968-69 Lions' football team. He was also nominated for Class favorite his freshman year.

Pam and Freddie Voted Most Popular Pair



PAM SKIPWORTH AND FREDDIE GIBBS

Freshmen do not think that school has to be all work. That's the way it seems as Pam Skipworth sneaks up on Freddie Gibbs at the water fountain. Pam and Freddie were elected as favorites by their

class. Representing their class, Pam and Freddie symbolize the spirit of the new breed. Freddie played on the football team and Pam kept busy with school and other activities.

Spirit of Fellowship

Before the vast area of land west of the Mississippi River was settled, the prairies were wide open spaces with no barriers to obscure traveling. There was no unity of community life to bring the people closer together. The building of barbed-wire fences closed the open prairies, thus drawing the people together and limiting their travels. Co-curricular and extracurricular organizations also close the gap between students by pulling them close to each other through their interests. They have drawn students together by allowing them to work together on varied meaningful projects.

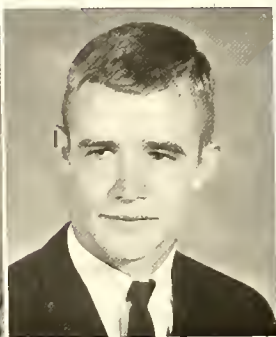




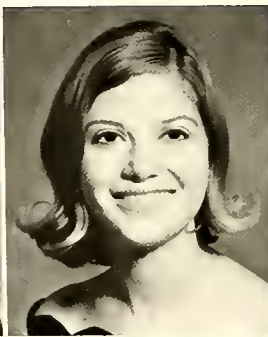
Intellects Comprise National Honor Group



Judy Adams



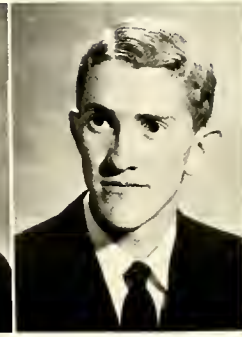
Bobby Byars



Sherry Carpenter



Johnny Davis



Daryl Dickey



Ricky Fennell



Karen Flesher



Joyce Gilmore



Brenda Hollars



Lee Ann Jones



Betsy Johnston



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Paula Quillin



Randy Riall



Theresa Robertson



Greg Sherman



Brent Stewart



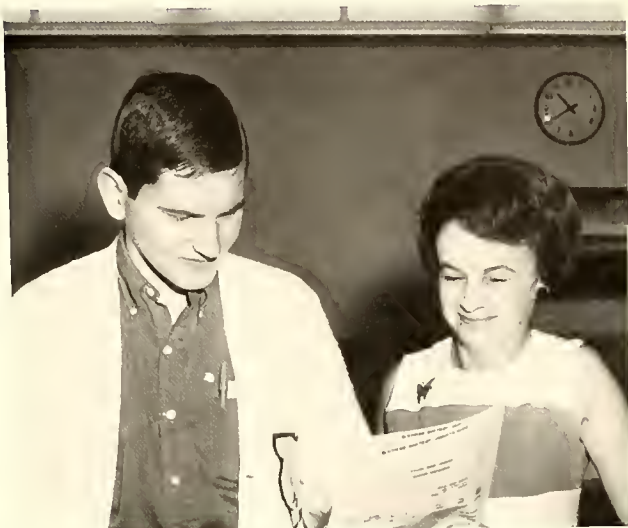
Students Strive for Scholastic Advancement

Striving for self-improvement, scholastic advancement, and leadership, the members of the National Honor Society work toward attaining their goals. Sponsored by Mrs. Pat Miller, the organization's purpose is to recognize students who have satisfied the requirements of membership.

Members must have an A average as well as other qualifications. Members must take a constructive lead in activities and promote worthy and proper school activities. A National Honor Society member must be a good influence as well as having initiative in his studies.

Activities of the organization included the decoration of the school's Christmas tree, sponsorship of the White Christmas, the coronation ceremony of the Valentine Queen, and the initiation of new members. To raise money the club ran the concession stand during the Invitational Track meet held in March.

Officers elected by the club were Ricky Fennell, president; Brent Stewart, vice-president; Betsy Johnson, secretary; and Theresa Robertson, treasurer.



Greg Sherman and Mrs. Pat Miller, N.H.S. sponsor, are shown as they look over the results of a scholarship test. Greg was a finalist in this National Merit Scholarship test.



Providing a White Christmas for needy families is one of the many projects of the N.H.S. Greg Sherman is shown collecting food for the White Christmas.



N.H.S. members Brent Stewart, Karen Flesher, and Theresa Robertson are shown as they make decorations for the Valentine Queen Coronation.



N.H.S. Vice-president Brent Stewart and president Ricky Fennell are shown announcing the Valentine Queen. This ceremony is sponsored by the National Honor Society.

Student Leaders Sponsor Worthy Projects



Linda Baldwin, Vernon High School chaplain, is shown as she prepares to give one of the devotionals.

Serving the student body, the members of the Student Council act as student leaders of the school. The Student Council is composed of five officers elected by the entire student body and representatives and alternates from each home-room class.

The Student Council meets weekly to discuss problems and activities of the school. This organization sponsors various assemblies and worthwhile projects such as collecting funds for the March of Dimes, hosting open house at the school, hosting Frontier Day, elections and mum sales at homecoming.

Officers of the club include Larry Smith, president; John Igou, vice-president; Joyce Gilmore, secretary; Linda Baldwin, chaplain; and Lee Ann Jones, reporter.

Sponsored by Mrs. Kathryn Shivers, the Student Council, including the officers, representatives, and alternates, attends the Texas Association of the Student Council to discuss actions within the school.



Lee Ann Jones, Student Council treasurer, looks over the March of Dimes Fund raising project which is sponsored by the Student Council. Through this project a large sum of money was raised.



Student Council president, Larry Smith is shown giving a report to other members of the executive board.



Shown leading the Pledge of Allegiance at one of the assemblies are three of the officers of the Student Council. John Igou, left, served as Vice-president, Linda Baldwin served as chaplain, and Larry Smith

was president. At every assembly these three led and directed the beginning formalities. The Student Council met once weekly with Mrs. J. F. Shivers.



Mrs. Kathryn Shivers, Student Council sponsor, discusses with president Larry Smith and vice-president John Igou some of the responsibilities of student council members.



Joyce Gilmore is shown going to the office to confer with Mr. Easley on an important council issue.

Vocational Office Education Now Offered



Karen Richie, a senior V.O.E. student, is shown as she looks up records in a ledger. Karen is employed at the Wilbarger County Court House where she is a typist, receptionist, and bookkeeper.

Vocational Office Education is a new course being offered in Vernon High School for senior students. The course permits seniors to attend school one half day and work afternoons in local offices. Designed to better meet the demands of an increased need for well-trained office personnel, the V.O.E. course provides training for college-bound students as well as for students who will seek full-time employment upon graduation from high school.

Membership to the club is offered only to senior students who are interested in vocational office employment and who have successfully completed one year of typing.

Officers for the organization include Mike Malone, president; Larry Smith, vice-president; Sheri Waggoner, secretary; Debbie Bookout, treasurer; and Mary De La Rosa, reporter. Mrs. Sharon Kester is the sponsor for the club.

One of the various activities of the club was to enter a car in the Homecoming parade.



Mrs. Sharon Kester, V.O.E. club sponsor, looks on as Diane Frith works on her practice set of files. Students are trained in the skill of office work.



Classroom study of training in the business world is part of a V.O.E. class. Debra Fox and Sheri Waggoner, V.O.E. students, are shown studying.

By attending only morning classes, V.O.E. students are able to work during the afternoon. Here, Charlotte Koch is shown as she leaves to go to work.



DECA Members Strive for Selling Skills



Mr. Bill Speed is shown as he instructs his DE class in the fundamental skills of selling merchandise and working as employees in a business.



Shown as he straightens the merchandise displayed on the counter, Clifford Shannon busily displays his enthusiasm for his job. Clifford is employed at C. R. Anthony's.

Under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Bill Speed, members of the Distributive Education club were employed by various local firms.

The students work in such places as discount centers, department stores, and supermarkets. Club members not only learn to sell merchandise, but to mark it and display it. Receiving the same wages that beginning workers receive, DE students attend classes in the morning and work in the afternoons and on Saturdays.

Some of the various activities of the club include operating the concession stands at home basketball games, sponsoring a banquet for the employees and their employers, and entering a car in the Homecoming parade. Another activity of the club is to participate in State and Regional Conferences where the individual's selling ability and knowledge is judged. Members attending one of these conferences were John Cartusciello, and Don Yates.

The officers were John Cartusciello, Larry Lawson, David Ham, Sandra Pennington, and Mary Diaz. Chosen as club sweetheart was Maria Atkisson.



DECA club members John Cartusciello, Larry Lawson, and Mary Diaz are shown looking through a career book which serves as an aid to students seeking a job.



DECA officers are Maria Atkisson, sweetheart; Mary Diaz, treasurer; Sandra Pennington, secretary; Larry Lawson, reporter; and John Cartusciello, president. Not shown is David Ham, vice-president.

Future Nurses Train, Work, and Serve



Mrs. Bonnie Phillips, R.N., who is the School Nurse, is the sponsor of the Future Nurses of America Club. Club members were urged to visit the hospitals if possible.

Medical careers and nursing investigation are encouraged by the Future Nurses of America Club. Members may work at the hospitals or simply visit the patients in order to cheer them. Future Nurses are urged to cultivate good qualities which are essential to a good nurse, to excel and sponsor leadership and to be of service to the community.

Activities of the club include their meetings and listening to speakers in hope of becoming well-trained nurses.

The club is sponsored by Mrs. Bonnie Phillips, R.N., who is the School Nurse. The Wilbarger County Medical Auxiliary also sponsors the Future Nurses Club with a contribution annually. This contribution is usually applied to the expenses of attending a Health Career Program at one of the nearest Schools of Nursing in the area.

Each year at Graduation Exercises the most outstanding member of the Future Nurses Club is presented a sizable scholarship to aid in her education.



Linda Baldwin, Future Nurses Club member, is shown as she writes up a patient chart at the hospital where she works.



Mr. Charles Bursey, counselor, and Judy Williams, a member, look through some literature on nursing careers and other medical careers.

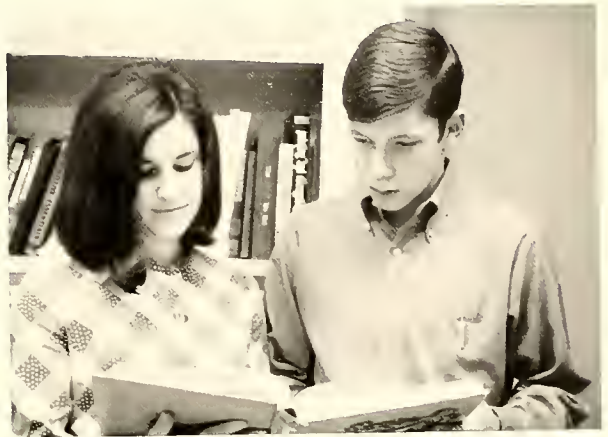
CAREER TRAINING

VICA Students Prepare for Leadership

Under the supervision of Mr. Jimmy Smith, VICA club members sought a variety of trades and occupations. The students attend regular classes during the morning and work in the afternoons. Members utilized VICA class time by studying the business of wholesale, retail service, and salesmanship.

Included in the activities of the club was participation in district meetings and sponsorship of a banquet honoring the employers.

"Preparing Today for Leadership Tomorrow," was used as the club motto. Officers for the year were Danny Barnes, president; Veronica Stowers, vice-president; Linda Baldwin, secretary; Laura Wilson, treasurer; Kay Self, reporter; Terry Walden, parliamentarian; and Wayne Moore, sergeant at arms.



Kay Self and Roddy O'Neal are shown as they look through a book of careers which points out the practical skills needed.



Linda Baldwin, senior VICA student, is shown filing career information. Linda is employed at the Sands Motel Annex.



Mr. Jimmy Smith, VICA club sponsor, is shown giving his class a few pointers on the skills of business training.



Shown working in class are Benny Galvez, Dan Roberson, Lawrence Prather, Larry Franklin, instructor Mr. Alva Vaughn, Desmond Mayfield, Bobby Parker, and Robert Robinson.



VICA club officers, leading the club in its activities, were Kay Self, Wayne Moore, Laura Wilson, Linda Baldwin, Veronica Stowers, Terry Walden, and Danny Barnes. The club met monthly.

FUTURE TEACHERS

Initiation Night Features Unusual Stunts



Sponsor Sharon Kester and officers Cindy Hingst, Pam White, Debbie Bookout, Debra Beaty, and Sheri Waggoner help serve at the annual Christmas Party.



F.T.A. members Linda Crayton, Diana Graf, Debra Beaty, Wynell Shannon, Ann Schumann, Debra Brackeen, Ann Hightower, Janice Hamilton, Debbie Bookout, Tanya Parham, and Brenda McBeath listen to Cindy Hingst's report.

Future Teachers of America, sponsored by Mrs. Faye Clark, strive hard for physical vitality, mental vigor, moral discrimination, wholesome personality, helpfulness, knowledge, and leadership.

Monthly meetings were held to encourage the participation in various programs. Among the activities planned for the coming year was a trip to the State convention in Austin, tutoring of Elementary School children, and numerous trips to area and district meetings.

Other activities which involved the club were the initiation of new members, a car in the Homecoming parade, and observation of American Education Week.

This year's officers include president, Cindy Hingst; vice-president, Sheri Waggoner; secretary, Debra Beaty; treasurer, Debbie Bookout; and reporter, Pam White.

Total membership of F.T.A. consists of fifteen seniors, two juniors, thirteen sophomores, and three freshmen. The senior members will be eligible for the scholarship that is awarded by the Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional teachers' organization, to the outstanding future teacher each spring.



Teresa Brown and Janice Hamilton, new members of the Future Teachers of America, are shown riding a tricycle through Vernon on Friday night for their initiation.



Mrs. Faye Clark, sponsor of the Future Teachers of America and Judie Brownlow, one of its members, set the dates and plan the activities for future meetings and trips of interest for the club's forty-three girls.

Science Club Sponsors Varied Activities



Vickie Brackeen, a science club member, is shown as she works on an experiment. Some of the other members are shown in the background as they perform similar experiments.



Club members Andy Brumley and Ricky Fennell are shown as they display a bobcat hide which was obtained by the Science Club. The club sponsors many interesting activities.

Numbering about twenty-five in membership, the Science Club's purpose is to advance science in V.H.S. The sponsors, Mr. Bob Wall and Mr. Lowell Roddy, work with members and encourage participation in all scientific experiments which are performed.

Activities of the organization include attendance at various science lectures and field trips. The club also participates in the Science Fair held each year at Midwestern University.

Officers elected by members of the Science Club are Daryl Dickey, president; Ricky Fennell, vice-president; Paula Quillin, secretary-treasurer; and Gary Roddy, reporter.

Plans were made for affiliation with the Junior Engineering Technical Society. Established to advance science in schools, the Science Club is also affiliated with the Science Clubs of America.

Membership to the club is open to anyone interested. Members of the club include Daryl Dickey, Ricky Fennell, Paula Quillin, Gary Roddy, Cynthia Herring, Vickie Brackeen, Everett Boone, Mary Boone, Beth Moore, Brent Stewart, Donald Ross, Jerry O'Gorman, Margene Cook, Carl Wagner, David Davis, Dan Osborne, Steve Coggins, Keith Owen, Andy Brumley, Charles Smith, and Greg Sherman.



Science Club members Paula Quillin, Billy Kidd, Gary Roddy, and Phil Bartlett are shown as they perform an experiment in the science lab.



Mr. Lowell Roddy and Mr. Bob Wall, Science Club sponsors, are shown relaxing just before a meeting. Meetings were held once a month before school.

GOODWILL PROMOTERS

Club Helps Crippled Peruvian Children

Sponsored by Mrs. Alta Miller, Spanish teacher, the Pan American Student Forum organized this year with a specific project in mind.

This year's Spanish Club project was to work with Peru to raise money for braces for crippled children of Peru. The program was called "Pesos por su pasos."

Other activities of the club included to stage a pinata party, to study Spain and other Latin American countries and to hear guest speakers.

The main overall objective of the club is to promote good will between our Spanish neighbors and ourselves. This theme is displayed by the club motto. "Of one blood hath He made all nations."

Officers elected by the Spanish club were Mary De La Rosa, president; Kelly Wright, vice-president; Susan Bartlett, secretary-treasurer; and Pan American Student Forum chairman was Leslie Davis.

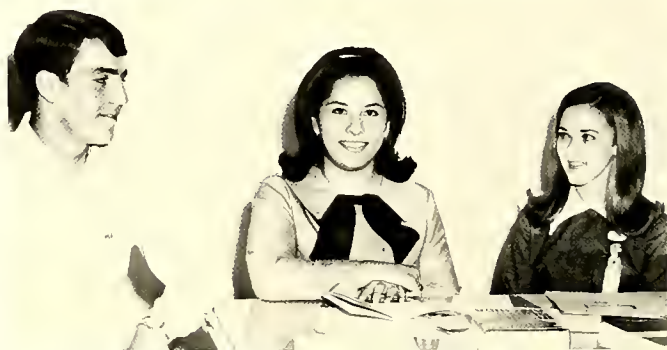
Representatives who attained enough service points traveled to Austin on the 27, 28, and 29 of March to attend the State Convention. This state wide convention was the highlight of the year for the club.



Discussing a good route to take in traveling to Austin to the state convention, Mrs. Miller, Pan-Am Forum sponsor, Debra Fox, and Cindy Jones plan for the annual event.



Members Donnie Tobar, Judy Adams, Rhonda Garrison, Mike Klappenbach, Kenneth Hendry, Larry Hillard, and Stella Mote are shown looking at maps of the Latin American countries.



PASF officers Kelly Wright, vice-president, Mary De La Rosa, president, and Suzanne Bartlett, secretary-treasurer, are shown discussing club activities. Not shown is Cindy Jones, Pan-Am chairman.



Membership of the Pan American club is open to any student presently taking Spanish or who has had Spanish in previous years. Some of the members include Debi Burdette, Sara Sullivan, Lisa McLaughlin, Vicki Jobe, Mary Jane Shepard, Jan Garrison, Mitizi Miller, Jeanie Capps, Kathy Carpenter, Cheryl Dickey, Oscar Tally, Gary Waggoner, and Jerry Jacobs.

French Club Sings for T.S.T.A. Meeting



Cercle Francais Club officers for 1968-69 were Tom Oliver, president; Johnie Condon, vice-president; Nancy Long, treasurer; Teresa Yeager, reporter; and Ann Hightower, secretary.

To gain a better understanding of the European point of view is the goal of the French Club. Their motto, "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité" which means Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity, exemplifies the members' desire to have understanding of European customs and beliefs.

During the football season the Cercle Français club drew and painted French signs boasting the Lions to Victory. Other activities of the organization included monthly meetings, rummage sales to raise money, a Christmas party, and a banquet in the spring.

Under the sponsorship of Miss Linda Young, the club boasted a total of thirty five members. Membership to the club is open to any student who is studying French. Members of the club include Jay Ann Lambert, Curtis Odom, Allen Hildebrand, Pam O'Boyle, Teresa Wages, Don Thompson, Ricki Harp, Sandy Teague, Wayne Fancher, Rita Huff, Ellen Draughn, Mary Kay Childress, Twila Street, Wendy Leach, Sharon Raschke, Becky Belew, Jill Johnston, Michele Townson, Mary Fitzgerald, Alta Norton, Kathy Baldwin, Karla Hendrix, Debra Klein, Gretchen Wagner, Pam Johnson, Cindy Huffman, Sheri Glass, Ceciley Tooley, Pam Rose, and Diane Roberts.



Shown during one of their monthly club meetings, are some of the members of the club and Miss Linda Young, French Club sponsor.



Singing popular songs in French was one of the favorite activities of the French Club. Club members shown here are Bob Duncan, Allen Hildebrand, Kathy Morrow, Cindy Huffman, and Michele Townson.



French Club president, Tom Oliver, is shown as he writes special project assignments for club members. The club had several rummage sales to raise money.

Future Farmer Club Shows Farm Stock



Mr. Jed Dennis, FFA sponsor, is shown above as he helps construct a stall for one of the animals. Hours of work are spent in caring for the animals.

Using the very appropriate motto of "Learning to do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve," the members of the FFA chapter participated in various activities.

The club members elected as their officers Joe Word, president, Terry Rutherford, vice-president, Jimmy Taylor, treasurer, Tony Barrier, secretary, Tony Stokes, reporter, and Earl Dickerson, sentinel. Advisors for the club are Mr. F. E. Todd and Mr. Jed Dennis.

One of the favorite activities of the advanced FFA members is the initiation of the "greenhands." These greenhands, as well as the older members, strive to become good farmers and ranchers. These members devote many work filled hours in learning the care of farm animals, the conservation of natural resources, livestock raising, and adaption to problems that will face them in their futures as farmers.

Programs hosted by the Vernon chapter during the year included the Pig Sale at the FFA barn, the district FFA banquet, a parent and son banquet, and a county wide livestock show.

Club members also participated in several livestock judging contests in which numerous honors were won. Members also attended district, area, and state meetings.

As a fun activity in the fall, the future farmers traveled to Dallas to attend the Dallas Fair.

Claudia Colley, a junior student, was selected by members of the 1968-69 Future Farmers of American Club as chapter sweetheart.



Elected as FFA sweetheart was Claudia Colley.



FFA members Johnny Rainwater, Tommy Hrcirik, Kenny McClure, Ronnie Reinisch, and Donald Reinisch are shown displaying the FFA banner.

Members Send Gift Packages Overseas

Members of Future Homemakers of America meet on the first Monday of each month in order to discuss projects and plan special events. Special projects and activities included packing and mailing Christmas packages to the Wilbarger County boys in Viet Nam, a Mother and Daughter Buffet, and Coronation of a Queen and Beau. Special programs included a candlelight service of installation of officers, a film on flower arranging, and a program on selecting a career.

Officers for the year were: president, Pam O'Boyle; vice-president, Debra Bristo; secretary-treasurer, Debbie Chisholm; reporter, Margene Cook; historian, Debra Bristo.

Sponsors for the club were Mrs. Nadine Martin and Mrs. Inez McCauley who worked closely with the girls.

Membership to the Future Homemakers of America club is open to any girl who is a homemaking student or who has previously taken homemaking.



Pam O'Boyle, Future Homemakers of America club president, is shown with sponsors Mrs. Nadine Martin and Mrs. Inez McCauley as one of the monthly meetings is called to order. Pam also served the club as the 1968-69 Sweetheart.



Serving as officers for the 1968-69 Future Homemakers are Debra Bristo, Margene Cook, Pam O'Boyle, Debbie Chisholm, and Janet Bachman.



One of the special projects of the F.H.A. is to send Christmas packages to the Wilbarger County boys in Viet Nam. Preparing packages for mailing are: Pam O'Boyle, Debra Bristo, Debbie Chisholm, Debra

Nava, Kathy Hadley, Janice Hamilton, Tonya Parham aided by Mr. Charles Donges. This gesture helps to make Christmas a little brighter for our men in Viet Nam.

DILIGENT WORKERS

Assistants Serve Students and Faculty



Student librarians Linda Kempf and Lavern Odom are shown checking in books. Other duties performed by these aids are helping students and shelving books.



Margene Cook is shown as she performs the monotonous job of shelving mountains of returned books.



Typing a book list, Elizabeth Robinson serves as a student librarian during sixth period. These assistants make library work for students much easier.

Although not actually a club, the student librarians compose an organization which is very helpful to students and teachers as well.

Student librarians have many varied tasks including shelving books, assisting students, typing catalogue cards, mending books, and filing magazines. Also included as a duty for the assistants is the job of caring for and handling of such educational media as record players, tape recorders, films, and projectors.

Members of the organization include Margene Cook, Nancy Jones, Wanda Finley, Laverne Odom, Linda Kempf, Vickie Brackeen, Cynthia Herring, Randy Jackson, Diane Lewis, Susan Steele, Donna Koontz, Patti Price, Teresa Brown, Jerry Hall, Carolyn Campbell, Jesse Lane, Elaine Edwards, Elizabeth Robinson, Peggy Wilkinson, Clifford Shannon, Dana Hemphill, Nancy Renfro, Randy Bohannon, and Larry Grady.



Mrs. Mildred Wall is shown explaining the operation of one of the tape recorders to an assistant, Judy Adams. All of the educational equipment is handled by the librarians.

Office Workers Aid Administrative Staff



Sorting slips is one of the first jobs of the hour for the student office helpers. Virginia Edwards and Diane Johnson hurriedly sort slips so that they have a chance to study later.



Deborah Sullivan and Lana Greshel look on as Allen Anderson performs one of the various duties performed by the office help.

Serving as very valuable assistants to the administration staff, student office aids relinquish their study halls in order to perform many various and helpful tasks.

Among the jobs of the student office workers are the tasks of collecting slips, recording tardies and absences, running errands, answering the telephone, separating mail, delivering messages to the teachers or students in class, and filing records and other office material.

Office aids include Lillie Ryan, Sky McCauley, Debra Beaty, LaDonna Hughes, Terri Blake, Liz Eaton, Jyme Jackson, Kathy Keener, Patsy Odom, Dempsey Harrison, Kenneth Baldwin, Vicki Morgan, Judie Brownlow, Debra Sullivan, Jan Bolton, Virginia Edwards, Donnie Tobar, Jimmy Hook, Lana Greshel, John Igou, Gary Roddy, Diane Johnson, and Allen Anderson.

Although this group of students is not actually a club, they constitute a vital organization. With specific responsibilities and duties, under the supervision of Mr. James Logan, assistant principal, the office workers lighten the work load for the administrators.



Kenneth Baldwin, Judie Brownlow, and Vicki Morgan perform the daily routine of recording absentees. This job is performed every period.



John Igou, playing the part of a messenger boy, delivers a message to Miss Vena Moore. This is a duty of the office help.

Debate Club Learns New Speaking Skills



Mrs. Nadine Burns, debate club sponsor, instructs her class in the basic fundamentals of debate, such as critical thinking, quick responses, and defending or attacking ideas.

Meeting daily during the first period class hour, the Debate Club is coached and sponsored by Mrs. Nadine Burns.

Members of the Debate Club learn such skills as public speaking, leadership, and toleration of other points of view, as well as critical thinking, quick responses, and defending worthy ideas and attacking invalid ideas.

Other activities that the club participated in included attending debate tournaments for observation practice debates, and open forum discussions on contemporary subjects.

Members of the club also entered the University Interscholastic League district literary meet held in the spring.

Many work-filled hours are spent by each member in order to collect research material, to decide his position, and prepare adequate arguments. The goal of each member is to present an intelligent and fair argument according to specific rules.

Club members include Kay Nowlin, Theresa Robertson, Daryl Dickey, Jerry O'Gorman, Jerry Zaicek, Kenneth Towery, Pat Kinsey, and Gary Roddy.



Jerry O'Gorman, junior member of the club ponders a specific point before giving his point of view.



Doing research for debate issues, Daryl Dickey, Ken Towery, and Jerry Zaicek find that many hours of hard work must be spent in order to prepare a subject for debate.



While discussing points in Kay Nowlin's argument for the affirmative, Kay and Theresa Robertson find something amusing about the issue.

Drama Club Members Work for Points

Under the supervision of a new sponsor, Mrs. Barbara Hughes, the Drama Club participated in various activities and used the very appropriate motto: "Act well your part; therein the honor lies."

Special projects of the Drama Club members included this year was helping with the annual children's play, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, and the annual Senior play. The children's play is produced shortly before Christmas and the Senior play is a spring activity. D.C. members helped with these productions by working on props, make-up, stage work, acting, and selling tickets. By participating in these various activities, Drama Club members earn Thespian points. An accumulation of ten of these Thespian points qualifies a Drama Club member for membership in the National Thespian Society. If sixty such points are earned the student becomes an Honor Thespian. Points may also be gained by giving dramatic readings and speeches.

Other activities staged by the club include initiation of persons seeking membership in the club, and participation in the Interscholastic League one-act play which is presented in the spring. The club also sponsored a car in the Homecoming parade.

D.C. Officers are Sky McCauley, president; Sara Jane Snell, vice-president; Dempsey Harrison, secretary; John Igou, treasurer; Larry Smith, reporter.



Drama Club member, Karen Flesher adds a finishing touch before attending a dress rehearsal. Because there are no special requirements, membership is open to any high school student.



Sponsor for the drama club is Mrs. Barbara Hughes. Under her careful guidance, drama club members helped in the production of the Children's play and the Senior play.



Drama Club members Jan Bolton, Debbie Jones, and John Igou are shown discussing the one-act play. The play was given in Interscholastic League contest March 26, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Hughes.

Journalists Gain Experience From Roar



Junior members of the Roar Staff, Fran Crawford, Brenda Ashby, and Patti Price call in each week's football game scores.

From writing stories, sale of ads, copyreading, and headline writing, to editing and distributing, every member of the Journalism I class gets to try his hand at the varied tasks of compiling a newspaper. Members of the ROAR Staff publish the award-winning "Voice of Vernon High" once every four weeks.

A laboratory project of the first year Journalism class, which is taught by Mrs. Jasimine Pace, the ROAR is a member of the Texas High School Press Association and University Interscholastic League Press Association.

Amelia Cook, a junior student, served as editor, while Fran Crawford was sports editor and Terry Jones was business manager.

Using the motto, "Learning By Doing," ROAR Staff members gained such on the job experiences as reporting for luncheon meetings of local Rotary, Optimist, and Lions clubs and sports reporting for the local radio station.

This year's staff included only juniors and several seniors. Judy Adams, Terry Jones, and Judi Wheeler were the senior students. Junior members were Amelia Cook, Fran Crawford, Brenda Ashby, Patti Price, Sharon Reinisch, Jyme Jackson, Diane Draughn, Marilyn Jacobs, Donna Koontz, Kenya Taylor, Liz Eaton, Susan Steele, Claudia Ansel, Mary Golden, Kenda Phelps, Debra Sullivan, and Lana Greschel.

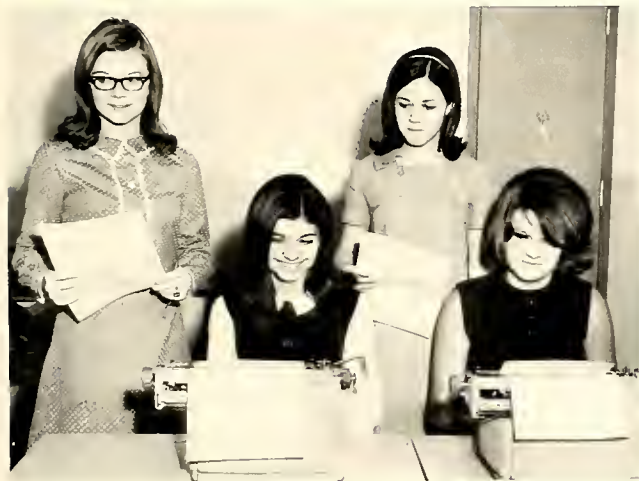


Mrs. Jasimine Pace, ROAR sponsor discusses with the editor of the ROAR, Amelia Cook some of the fundamentals of newspaper journalism. Amelia is the first junior student in the history of V.H.S. to edit a school publication.



Reporters, from left, LaDonna Hughes, Mary Ann Golden, Kenda Phelps, Deborah Sullivan and Lana Greshcel, check the assignment

sheet as they prepare to write stories for the next edition of the ROAR. Each member of the class serves as a reporter.



Writing stories for a coming edition of the Roar are reporters Sharon Reinisch, Judy Adams, Jyme Jackson, and Diane Draughn.



Business manager Terry Jones views advertising layouts with staff members Marilyn Jacobs, Donna Koontz, and Kenya Taylor.



Copy reading is essential in order to reveal errors. As they prepare the ROAR for printing, each staffer rereads his own and other

stories. Shown correcting articles for publication are Judi Wheeler, Liz Eaton, Susan Steele and Claudia Ansel.

Memories Recorded by Eager Reporters



Joni Lutz, co-editor of the annual, "chalks up" the pages to be turned in from each section. Co-editors, along with many other jobs, must supervise and plan every page of the annual.

Recording the various memories of the past school year was the job of the 1968-69 Yamparika staff. Staff members worked assiduously to record the many wonderful memories of the year. Each member worked daily, drawing layouts, taking pictures, cropping pictures, writing copy, and writing headlines. There were three sixty-four page deadlines in which the entire yearbook was finished.

Through the sale of advertisement to merchants of the surrounding area, and subscriptions, the Yamparika was entirely self-supporting.

The Yamparika is a member of the Texas High School Press Association. Co-editors, Joni Lutz and Deborah Locklar, along with Mrs. Jasimine Pace, yearbook sponsor, attended a Thespa convention held in Denton the 6th and 7th of December for the 1967-68 yearbook. Joni, serving as a panelist in a group discussion on yearbooks, spoke on financing. The 1967-68 yearbook won an All Texas Honor Rating. The yearbook is entered in a state-wide competition each year. Many honors have been won by the Yamparika in previous years.

A total of thirteen staff members worked to compile the annual. Staff members include Joni Lutz, Deborah Locklar, co-editors; Brenda Hollars, Mary Sheridan, organizations; Nancy Long, Debra Beaty, class; Paula Quillin, Judie Brownlow, features; Kay Nowlin, Sky McCauley, sports; Vicki Morgan, Pat Spradlin, advertising; and business manager, Neisha Hunt.



Mrs. Jasimine Pace, annual staff sponsor, calls a "formal staff meeting." Annual staffers are Sky McCauley, Vicki Morgan, Joni Lutz,

Deborah Locklar, Brenda Hollars, Kay Nowlin, Judie Brownlow, Paula Quillin, Neisha Hunt, and Nancy Long.

Thirteen Pupils Reveal Spirit of the Wind



Pat Spradlin, an advertising worker, is shown demonstrating the technique for taking a picture. Pat took many pictures this year.



Debra Locklar and Joni Lutz, co-editors of the 1968-69 Yamparika, are shown discussing plans for the yearbook.



Preparing to perform a daily task are annual staffers Judie Brownlow, Mary Sheridan, and Neisha Hunt.



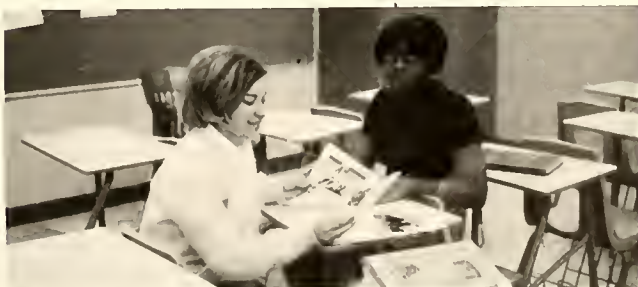
Annual staffers, Vicki Morgan and Paula Quillin are shown working at finishing pages for an upcoming deadline.



Kay Nowlin and Sky McCauley, sports editors, discuss a necessary triplicate which is to be turned in for an upcoming deadline.



Vicki Morgan explains the correct procedure for using the Yashika, a very complicated camera, to Nancy Long and Brenda Hollars.



Class editors Nancy Long and Debra Beaty are shown discussing layout designs to be used in their class section.

Officers Guide Choirs Through Season



Shown above is Mrs. Elizabeth Eure, director of the V.H.S. choir.

Leading the choirs of V.H.S., Mrs. Elizabeth Eure devoted her time, talents, and imagination to the training and development of the voices of the choraleers.

Divided into three performing groups, the choirs are the A Capella choir, the Training choir, and the Freshman choir.

Representing the A Capella choir were officers Janice Smith, Sky McCauley, Larry Smith, Kay Self, Judy Graf, and Dana Lynn.

From the members of the Training choir the selection of the new members for the A Capella choir is made. Members of the Training choir and the members of the Freshman choir participated in the annual Christmas program.

The choirs participated in various projects throughout the year. In addition to the concerts given locally, the choirs also participated in out-of-town workshops and concert and sight-reading contests. The choirs also provided musical numbers for the Children's Play and the Senior play.



Shown here rehearsing a favorite selection are the A Capella Choir officers: Dana Lynn, librarian; Sky McCauley, reporter; Kay Self, wardrobe mistress; Janice Smith, treasurer; Larry Smith, president; and Judy Graf, secretary.

A CAPELLA CHOIR

A Capella Vocalists Sing With Enthusiasm



Members of the A Capella Choir are: *First row:* Judy Graf, Betsy Johnston, Vickey Smith, Diane Frith, Theresa Robertson, Cindy Hingst, Margie Jobe, Janis Johnson, Douglas Bunch, Kathy Morrow, Janice Smith, Sheri Sharp, Sherri Speer, Lavern Odom, Patsy Odom, and Jan Todd. *Second row:* Joe Tidwell, Larry Smith, Debbie Jones, Maria Atkission, Beth Moore, Randy Austin, David Johnson, Jerry Bridges, Kay Self, Sky McCauley, Sara Sullivan, and Terry Jones. *Third row:* Eddie Rogers, Gary McCubbin, Randy Edwards, and Kelly Schoppa.

Singing with animation and enthusiasm, Randy Austin and Steve Clayton work hard to achieve the best possible musical sound.

Singers Select Senior Sweetheart and Beau



Striving for the best possible sounds in music, the choirs of V.H.S. are composed of the most vibrant and melodious voices in school. Under the enthusiastic direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Eure, the three V.H.S. choirs present many interesting and beautiful performances.

The A Capella choir, composed of the best voices, represented Vernon in numerous concert and sight reading contests as well as at training clinics throughout the year. Elected as Sweetheart and Beau for the A Capella Choir were Patsy Odom and Kelly Schoppa. Both are senior students and four-year choir members.

Composed of choraleers who hope to gain admission into the A Capella Choir are members of the Mixed Choir. Officers elected for this talented group were president, Charlie Scott; vice-president, Claudia Colley; and secretary, Brenda Eaton.

Also seeking admittance to the A Capella Choir are the members of the Beginner Choir. This choir is composed of students who are just beginning their choir work. Officers elected for this group were Terry Flye, president; Jill Johnston, secretary; and Janice Rutherford, reporter.

Representing Vernon at a District Concert were twelve A Capella choir members. These members are Janis Johnson, Theresa Robertson, Betsy Johnston, Jan Todd, Terry Jones, Judy Graf, Doug Burch, Joe Tidwell, David Johnson, Randy Austin, Jerry Bridges, and Larry Smith.

Elected as Sweetheart and Beau for the 1968-69 A Capella Choir were Patsy Odom and Kelly Schoppa.



Members of the Beginner Choir are: First row: Nancy Lewis, Jill Johnston, Jan Phillips, Debbie Powell, Brenda Carter, Linda McCubbin. Second row: Cherry Ricks, Larry Brown, John Finley, Gary

Gribble, John Quener, Mike Ownes. Third row: Leola Lucky, Linda Craton, Mary Lawson, Janice Rutherford, Janet Browning, Debbie Ellis, and Vanessa Todd.

V.H.S. Choir Program Enjoyed By Many



Members of the Mixed Choir are: First row: Kandi Trewet, Valerie Griffith, Glenda Brannon, Brenda Nail. Second row: Jeannine Odom, Debbie Taylor, Sherry Glass, Glen Schumann, Larry Bradford, Brenda Scott, Gloria Scott, Brenda Eaton. Third row: Katherine Jolly, Sally Locklar, Andrew Shepard, Robert Crayton, Verdis Norman, Bennie

Pitts, Susan Brierton, Brenda Wilson, Marilyn Smith. Fourth row: Pam Skipworth, Katherine Bohot, Sharon Querner, Lawrence Gaines, Junior Seigler, Charlie Scott, Alton Parker, Winona Wiley, Curtistene White, and Barbara Edwards.



Shown as they practice one of the difficult numbers in preparation of the All District Concert, are All District Choir members, first row: Janis Johnston, Theresa Robertson, Betsy Johnston, Jan Todd, Terry Jones, and Judy Graf. Second row: Douglas Bunch, Joe Tidwell, David Johnson, Randy Austin, Jerry Bridges, and Larry Smith. All of these students are members of the A Capella Choir and were selected from among contestants throughout the entire district.



Terri Blake, a junior student, was selected as the piano accompanist for the A Capella Choir.

MUSICIANS

Bandsmen Excel

Bringing a new kind of spirit and enthusiasm to Vernon High School, the V.H.S. band greatly boosted the morale and unity of all the students and faculty.

As an organization, the band attended clinics and workshops in order to prepare for the contests in which the band always participates.

During football season the band not only played for pep-rallies and marched for the spectators' entertainment during every half-time, but also yelled when not occupied playing.

By devoting his time, energy, and enthusiasm, Mr. George Mitchell, director of the V.H.S. band, inspired the band to achieve excellent ratings at concert, sight reading, and marching contests.

The marching band consisted of sixty-four marchers including four majorettes and senior drum major, Randy Riall. Stephanie Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, served as band mascot during football season.

Mr. Mitchell attended North Texas State University where he received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Music Education.



Serving as assistant director for the V.H.S. band, Mr. Fred Carpenter attended all rehearsals as well as all of the many out of town trips including football games and contests.

Shown here is Mr. George Mitchell, director of the V.H.S. band.



BAND HIGHLIGHTS

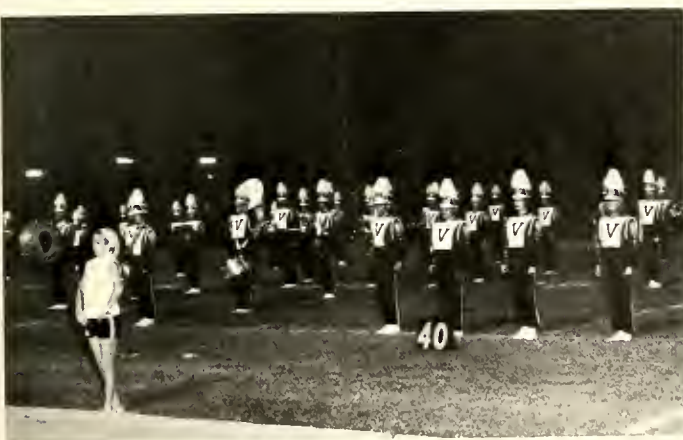
Musicians Devoted to Work and Play



Mrs. Coon Richie, a loyal band parent, is shown as she returns home exhausted but happy after an all-day, out-of-town band trip.



Band mascot, Stephain Mitchell, snuggles close to her mother, Mrs. George Mitchell, during one of the ball games. Stephain served as mascot during each half-time performance.



Marching during half-time of each game, the "Marching Band of the Fighting Lions" supplied a great deal of spirit during the season.



Band members trying out for all-region band are Robert Cargile, Paula Rains, James Golden, and Randy Riall. Not pictured are Greg Sherman and Glen Dixon. Many hours of practice are spent by these students in order to win a position.



Drummer Greg Sherman looks on as director George Mitchell plays a difficult rhythm pattern on the Xylophone, a new addition to the percussion section.

CONCERT BAND

Band Displays Skill During Performances



Members of the band according to instrumentation are as follows:
FLUTES: Sherry Carpenter, Brenda Hollars, Valerie Jackson, Tanya Parham, Mary Golden, Laura Wilhelm, Jane Ditmore, Ruth Ann Ashcraft, Mary Boone, Sabra Helms; OBOES: Kathy Carpenter, Teresa Brown; CLARINETS: Judy Adams, Linda Baldwin, Karen Richie, Paula Raines, Nancy Herchamn, Suzanne Kubicek, Judy Baldwin, Janice Hamilton, Deborah Hildebrand, Patty Hollars, Waymon Peterson, JoAnn Wheeler, Denise Arnold, Loretta Foster, Jerry Hall, Debra Nava, Twila Street; BASS CLARINET: Cynthia Herring, John Van Chilton, Theresa Martine, Gary Bohanon; CONTRA BASS CLARINET: Jerry Jacobs; ALTO SAXOPHONE: Charlotte Koch, Cecily

Tooley, Curtis Smith; TENOR SAXOPHONE: Bobby Harper, Cathy Herring, Catherine Parker; BARRITONE SAXOPHONE: Johnny O'Neal; FRENCH HORNS: Gordy Riall, Wayne Fancher, Charles Lannam; BASSOON: Leslie Miller, Don Ross; CORNETS: Randy Riall, Johnny Davis, Frank Domingues, Myra Gauldin, Paul Perryman, Larry Hillard, Robert Beazley, Robert Huff, Robert McElroy, James Wall; BARTONES: Robert Cargile, James Golden, J. W. Hoover; TROMBONES: Pat Spradlin, Don Yates, Roger Allen, B. J. Evans, Bobby Barton, Brenda Shelly; BASSES: Glen Dixon, Richard Standifer; PERCUSSION: Greg Sherman, Larry Dodson, Jesse Lane, Curtis Odom, Vicki Dickerson, and Allen Storek.

Musicians Capture Excellent U.I.L. Ratings



Blowing with spirit and with all their hearts, each member of the V.H.S. band inspired enthusiasm and pride in Vernon High School.

Providing entertainment at pep rallies, as well as at half-times, the highly spirited band also participated in various public concerts and sight-reading contests.

One of the highlights for the band was to attend the Texas Music Education Day at the State Fair where they took part in a colorful musical and marching show. Band members were also honored in the spring by the band parents association with a formal banquet.

Under the direction of Mr. George Mitchell, who was assisted by Fred Carpenter, the band went to UIL Marching Contest at Wichita Falls where they received a coveted "excellent" rating.



Frank Domingues and Jerry Jacobs pose with Mr. Mitchell while unloading a bus on an out-of-town band trip.

Sherry Crowned 1968 Band Sweetheart



SHERRY CARPENTER and RANDY RIALL

Presented and crowned during half-time activities at the homecoming football game between the Lions and Burkburnett Bulldogs. Sherry Carpenter, a petite, brown-eyed, brown-haired beauty, was escorted

Using their talent and skill, members of the band brought forth a spirit and unity new to V.H.S. The band excelled in its many performances including pep rallies and half-time shows as well as sight-reading contests and concerts open to the public.

Heading the roster of band officers was four-year, senior band member Robert Cargile. Other officers were Judy Adams, vice-president; Sherry Carpenter, secretary; Linda Baldwin, historian; Frank Domingues, treasurer; Cynthia Herring, librarian; and Larry Dodson, manager. Leading the band on field at half-time during the football season was drum major, Randy Riall, who is a senior and four-year band member.

New to the V.H.S. band this year was mascot Stephain Mitchell, four year daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell. Stephain twirled with the majorettes during every half-time performance. The majorettes for the band were Charlotte Koch, a senior, Nancy Herchman, a junior, Joann Wheeler, a sophomore, and head majorette, Judy Baldwin, a sophomore.

Several band members tried out for All-Region band. To wing a position in the All-Region band, a person must audition before a group of judges and be selected from a large group of hopefuls. Those trying out were Randy Riall, Greg Sherman, Paula Raines, Robert Cargile, James Golden, and Glen Dixon.

Sherry Carpenter was elected as Band Sweetheart. She was attended by Judy Adams and Linda Baldwin.

by drum major Randy Riall. Attending them from left to right are Judy Adams, escorted by Frank Domingues, Sherry and Randy, and Linda Baldwin, escorted by Robert Cargile.



SKILLED LEADERS

Talented Members Head V.H.S. Band



Majorettes and mascot for the 1968-69 school year were Stephain Mitchell, mascot, Judy Baldwin, a sophomore, Charlette Koch, a

senior, Nancy Herchman, a junior and head majorette, and Jo Ann Wheeler, a sophomore student.



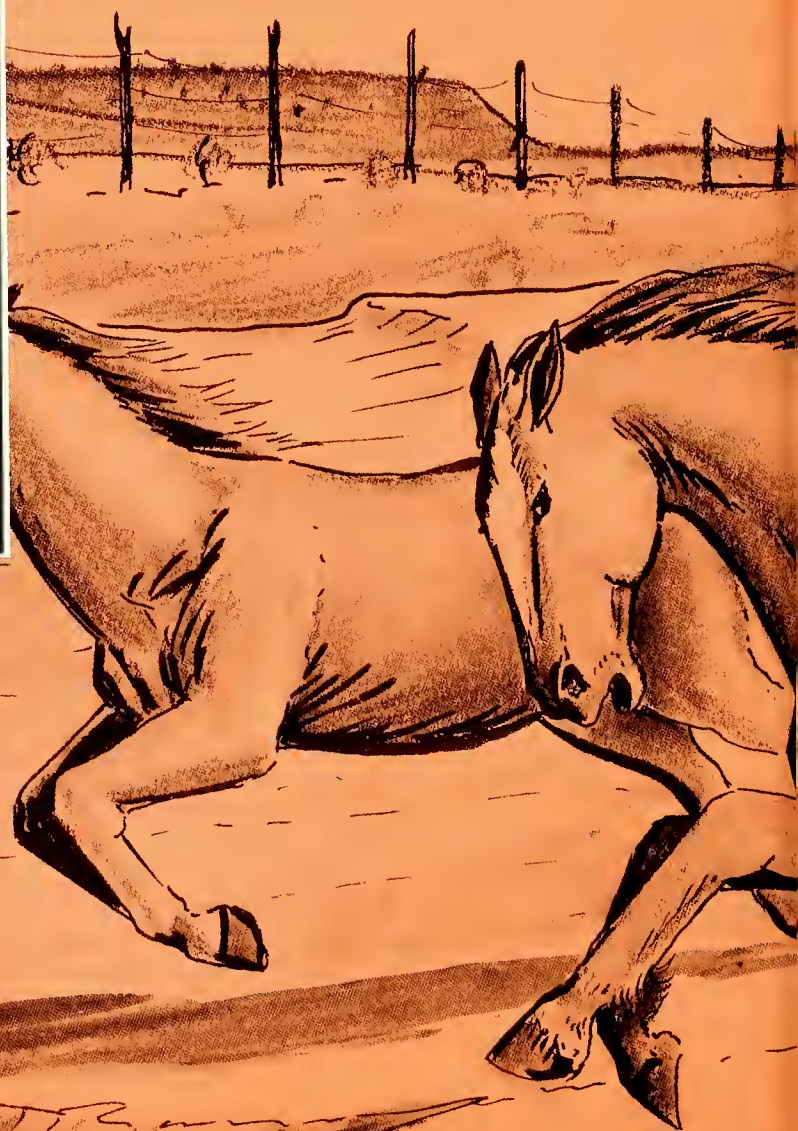
Officers elected for the 1968-69 Marching Band of the Fighting Lions are Frank Domingues, Cynthia Herring, Sherry Carpenter, Randy Riall, Linda Baldwin, Larry Dodson, Judy Adams, and Robert Cargile.



Drum major Randy Riall, a senior and four year band member, led the band on the field during football season.

Spirit of Competition

The spirit of the wind carries with it the excitement and thrills of living. Through the eyes of a wild horse, who is terrified by the storm, one can see the determination to escape from harm and the ability he has within. He runs with all his might, terrified by the thundering and lightening, to a new and safer field, a field of new repose. Like the wild horse, the athlete is enthusiastic with the excitement and the thrills of his sport. Struggling for recognition and fame, he is determined to run or to play the game with all his might, in the end, hoping for a new and glorious victory.





COACHES LEAD

Pattison, Reeger, Weldon Develop Boys



COACH C. R. (PAT) PATTISON

Bottom row: Keith Owen (65), Pat Peterson (31), Kenneth Baldwin (33), David Dunnem (35), Donnie Woodard (36), Ricky Sims (14), Willard Wilson (25), Jerry Bridges (73). 2nd row: John Igou Mgr., Kenny Skipworth (12), Tommy Allen (61), Dennis King (10), Bobby Byars, (30), David Potter (23), Benny Wilson (28), James Palmer (20), Jack Frost (57), Kenneth Olive Mgr. 3rd row: Mark Cooper Mgr., Andy Brumley (53), Steve Brown (52), Lon Byars (64), Jerry O'Gorman (58), Jarrell Bohot (61), David Davis (79), Geronimo Lagunas (80), Jerry Zaicek (62). 4th row: Bobby Russell (75), Chris Bell (87), Gary Gordon (60), Dempsey Harrison (55), Kenneth Towerly (68), O'Quinn Cairo (83), Kelly Wright (43), James Liles (82), Johnny Phipps (40), Doug Scribner (38).

Instilling enthusiasm and genuine pride into the lives of his football boys, Coach Pattison encourages teamwork and spirit. Devoting hours of coaching as well as personal counseling, Coach Pattison strives to raise the physical and moral standards of the team. Through hours of dedicated work, Coach Pattison creates the unity of one team from a group of individuals. Coach Pattison reveals the idea of true sportsmanship in winning and losing through his challenge of accepting victory and defeat.

Outstanding in his field of coaching, Coach Pattison's ability is exemplified by his record in leading two teams to state championships, one team to quarter-finals, and most important, his influence and help in association with the future success of his football players.

Whether walking along the sideline of a football field or walking along the sideline of life, Coach Pattison influences the lives of those he meets. His understanding of true victory exemplifies his personal understanding of life, in realizing "It's not whether one wins or loses that counts; rather, it is how one plays the game."

in Athletic Ability and Moral Character

A valuable addition to the Vernon High School coaching staff, Coach Ronnie Reeger came to Vernon in the fall of 1968 to serve the Vernon Lions as line coach. Since then, he has earned the admiration and dedication of thirty seven boys by giving freely of his time and energy to strengthen the morals and the athletic ability of each of his gridders. Setting an example for each boy, he helped to guide the Vernon Lions through a season filled with the glory of victory and the agony of defeat.

Until graduation in 1961, Coach Reeger played football at Merled High School. His outstanding ability as a tackle earned him an athletic scholarship to Texas Tech. At Tech, he played varsity football for three years prior to graduation in 1966. He then served Texas Tech as a student coach for one year. Upon completion of his services to Texas Tech, he moved to New Deal where he coached for two years.

Coach Reeger and his wife Lynda have two children, Ronn who is three years old and Laurie who is almost two. He now serves the Vernon High School faculty as world history teacher, freshman basketball coach, and Vernon Lion football line coach.



COACH RONNIE REEGER



COACH JACK WELDON

Serving the Vernon Lions as back coach, Jack Weldon joined the Vernon High School coaching staff at the beginning of the 1968 football season. His outstanding ability as a player and a coach has earned him great respect among the coaches and the players of the Vernon Lions.

Coach Weldon played varsity football for Lubbock High School under Coach Pat Pattison. He and his teammates were successful all three years, winning district his sophomore year, advancing to the quarter-finals his junior year, and winning the state championship for the climax of his senior year.

After high school, Coach Weldon attended Paris Junior College where he served as president of the Letterman's Club and team captain of his gridiron team. He was then selected Little All American, a high honor for outstanding players in small colleges. Transferring to Midwestern University, he served as team captain and was elected to the All Conference team for two years.

Before coming to Vernon, Coach Weldon coached at Abernathy, Sherman, West Texas State, and Brazosport. His Brazosport gridders won district twice and advanced to the semi-finals. He now serves Vernon as physical education teacher and varsity back coach.

SPIRITED LEADERS

Skipworth, Wilson Inspire Enthusiasm;

Portraying the role of two horses harnessed before 37 others, co-captains Willard Wilson and Kenny Skipworth motivated the spirit and influenced the lives of the 1968-69 football team. Through their outstanding leadership, Willard and Kenny boosted the morale, exemplifying courage, confidence, discipline, and willingness to endure hardship. Representing their own personal feelings and goals, Willard and Kenny became the life and will of the entire football team, working as one team united. The co-captains shared the lonely feeling of defeat, the glory of victory, and above all, the satisfaction of doing the best. Exemplifying the enthusiastic loyalty to the tradition of Vernon High, Willard and Kenny aided the team and the student body by promoting the realization that the true meaning of victory is in the heart of the player.

Exhibiting their individual grid ability, Willard was selected to the 1968-69 All-District team on the offensive unit. Throughout Willard's years in high school, he has been a participant in basketball, football, and track. In each field of competition, Willard equally excelled in his athletic ability.

Kenny was selected to the 1968-69 All-District Honorable Mention team. During Kenny's years in high school, he was elected Sophomore Favorite in 1966-67, All-School Favorite in 1967-68, and class president in 1966-67 and in 1968-69. Athletic activities have included—participation in basketball, football, and track.

Throughout the journey of another football season, Willard and Kenny witnessed their personal lives united with 37 boys to form one team of horses harnessed together, treading down the path of true victory.



Offering words of encouragement before a game, Kenny and Willard, Vernon Lion co-captains, share their personal understanding of true

victory with the team. The locker room of the Lions holds a significant meaning for football boys as memories dwell within its walls.

Urge High Morale Among Teammates



WILLARD WILSON



KENNY SKIPWORTH

Bobby Provides Inspiration for Varsity



Looking over the lineup with his dad and Coston, Bobby prepares for an evening of football as the Lions clash with Plainview.

Sideline by an automobile accident, Bobby Simpson served as an inspiration to the varsity football team of which he was a member. By his devotion to and interest in the Lions, Bobby put heart and spirit into a sport which is usually known for its brains and brawn.



Bobby enjoys a kiss on the cheek from Homecoming Queen, Sara Jane Snell, after the November 9th Homecoming coronation.



Meeting their Graham opponents before the game, Bobby, Coston Kays, Kenneth Baldwin, James Liles, and Jerry Bridges represent

the Vernon Lions as the game's captains by surveying the pre-game coin toss in the second conference game of the football season.

SEASON RECORD

Lions Finish '68 Season With 2-7 Record

Vernon	6	Caprock	7
Vernon	0	Breckenridge	6
Vernon	6	Plainview	35
Vernon	14	Altus	6
Vernon	30	Bowie	32
Vernon	21	Graham	35
Vernon	12	Hirschi	28
Vernon	42	Burkburnett	0
Vernon	21	Washington	36





Caprock's Rick Culp (11) halts Lion Kenny Skipworth after a 10-yard gainer. Guard Dempsey Harrison (55) attempts to block an Amarillo gridder.

Kenneth Baldwin



Jarrell Bohot



Jerry Bridges



Steve Brown



SEASON-OPENER

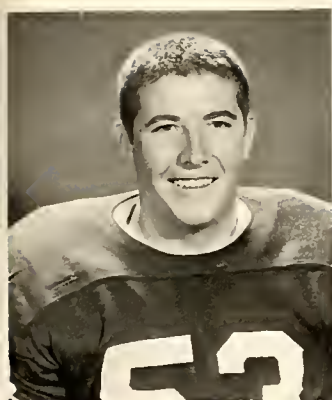
Lions Fight to Finish

Outplaying the favored 4AAAA Amarillo Caprock Longhorns, the Vernon Lions were defeated in a tough defensive battle, 7-6. Beginning the season in a non-conference tilt, the Lions traveled to Bivins Stadium to battle out their first game.

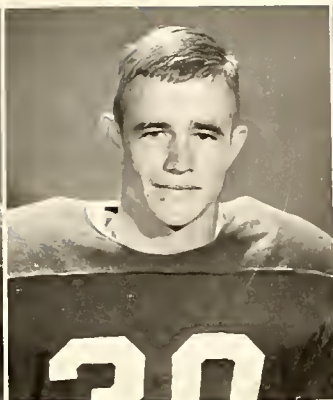
Late in the second quarter, Vernon halfback Willard Wilson broke loose for a 72 yard scamper before being brought down on the Amarillo 15. Quarterback Skipworth passed to O'Quinn Cairo on the one, and Vernon hammered at the stubborn Caprock line for four plays before giving the ball up on downs. The half ended with the scored tied 0-0.

A pass interception on the Caprock 45 in the fourth quarter set the stage for Caprock's score. On a fourth down, Amarillo quarterback Mike Scroggins spotted end Jimmy Hansen in the end zone for the touchdown.

The final score came late in the fourth quarter as Vernon quarterback Kenny Skipworth passed to Kelly Wright for the touchdown on a fourth down play. Trailing 7-6, the Lions attempted a pass to end James Liles for the winning score. The attempt failed and the final score remained Caprock 7, Vernon 6.



Andy Brumley



Bobby Byars



Gary Gordon



Dempsey Harrison

LIONS FALL

Breckenridge Drops Vernon in Thriller 6-0

Whipping the Breckenridge Buckaroos in every aspect except scoring, the Vernon Lions lost 6-0 in a non-conference grid clash at Breckenridge.

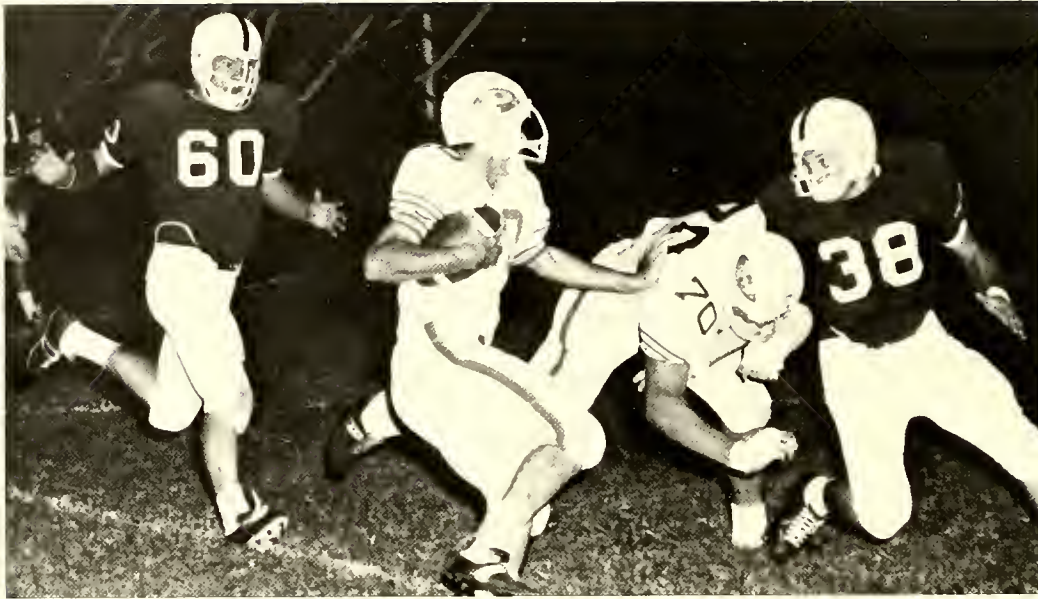
Paced by scatback Willard Wilson, the Lions rolled up a tremendous statistical edge including 16 first downs and 260 yards rushing compared to the eight first downs, 93 yards rushing and 75 yards passing which the Buckaroos managed.

Threatening the Bucks, the Lions moved to the Breck 20, to the 22, and to the 25 only to have their advances killed by penalties. Willard Wilson, Lion halfback, exemplified the art of football by his 26 carries for 136 yards during the tough game.

Setting up the Breckenridge touchdown by a pass interception by safety Robert Flatters on the Vernon 41, the Bucks tallied the only score of the night. Taking over his quarterback duties, Flatters completed two passes, one to flanker Tommy Dauster, and the other to end Skeep Smith to put the ball on the Vernon 11. It appeared as if the Lions had stalled the drive by Breckenridge, when Flatters faked to his halfback and then slipped over left tackle on the keeper play to make the winning points. The attempted kick for the extra point missed its mark and the final score stood 6-0.



Vernon halfback Willard Wilson rambles for valuable yardage in a non-conference game played at Breckenridge. The Lions lost 6-0.



Vernon tackle Gary Gordon (60) and fullback Doug Scribner (38) attack Graham Steer, as Steer (70) assists the touchdown.

POWERFUL TEAM

Plainview Bulldogs Exemplify Powerhouse

Exemplifying the tremendous talent of a powerful team, the Plainview Bulldogs exploded for 35-6 win over Vernon in a nonconference clash.

Paced by tailback Larry Watson and fullback David Wooley, the Bulldogs riddled the Vernon defense for an amazing 427-yards rushing.

Despite being stunned by the power of the Class AAAA school, the Lions put up a gallant show by picking up 208 yards in the air.

Scoring the only touchdown for Vernon, Willard Wilson, tailback, intercepted a pass in the left flat from quarterback Kenny Skipworth. Wilson shook three

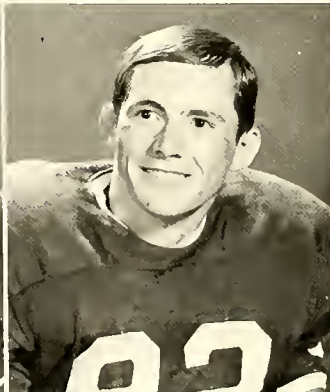
tacklers in battling his way into the end zone from 10 yards out.

Vernon's scoring drive covered 72 yards and took 10 plays to complete. After James Palmer returned a kick off in the third period from the Vernon eight to the 28, the Lions started to move.

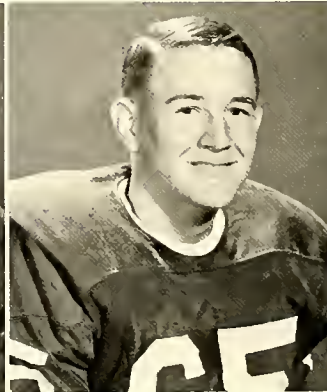
Quarterback Kenny Skipworth found Willard Wilson with a 22-yard pass and then connected with end James Liles for a 15-yard pickup. Skipworth then passed to Wilson again, this time for a 21-yard gainer to put the ball on the Plainview 14. Skipworth flipped to Wilson in the left flat who battled his way in for the score.



Geronimo Lagunas



James Liles



Keith Owen



Pat Peterson



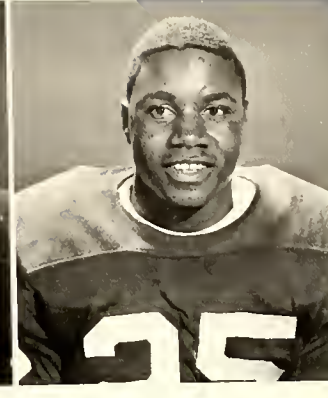
Johnny Phipps



Kenny Skipworth



Kenneth Towery



Willard Wilson

LIONS CONQUER

Spirited Lions Defeat Oklahoma Rival



End James Liles (82) snags a Skipworth pass for considerable yardage in an exciting grid clash against the Altus Bulldogs. The Lions won the non-conference game 14-6.

In a hard fought grid clash, the Vernon Lions defeated the Altus Bulldogs 14-6. The Lions, two-touchdown underdogs going into the contest, turned in a tremendous defensive effort, checking the powerful Altus running attack with only 125 yards.

Altus scored the first six points of the night after the hard-rushing Bulldog line smothered David Dunnam on a fourth down punting situation. From the Lion 46, it took the Bulldogs only six plays to score. Tailback Marvin Hyde carried the final seven yards over right guard for the touchdown. Vernon's Tommy Allen crashed through the Altus line to block the extra point attempt.

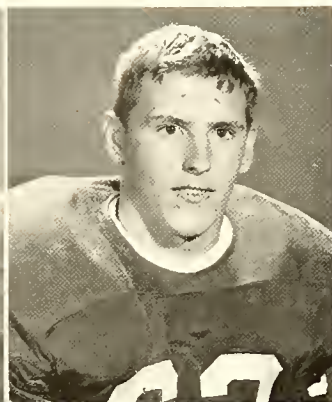
Kenneth Baldwin took the following kickoff and carried the ball to the Vernon 39. After eight plays and a convenient 15-yard penalty against the Bulldogs, quarterback Kenny Skipworth skirted around right end for three yards and the touchdown. Doug Scribner's extra point attempt failed and the first half ended with the score tied 6-6.

Late in the third quarter, the Lions moved to the Altus two before losing the ball on a fumble. However, Vernon was still not through scoring. Early in the fourth quarter, Willard Wilson returned an Altus punt 20 yards to the Vernon 29. After a 20 yard run by Wilson, Altus was penalized for piling on. The 15-yard penalty put the ball on the Altus 33. Wilson cracked tackle for three yards, and two runs by wingback Kelly Wright put the ball on the Altus 11. Quarterback Skipworth then faked to his running backs and scampered around right end for the winning touchdown. Skipworth ran the same play for the extra two points.

A final Bulldog threat failed, leaving the Lions with a 14-6 victory and a 1-3 record.



Donnie Woodard



Jerry Zaicek



Tommy Allen



Lon Byars

OFFENSE SPARKLES

Lions Scare Rabbits in 4-AAA Opener

Two points decided the conference opener between the Vernon Lions and the Bowie Jackrabbits in an exciting offensive battle.

With Bowie leading by 18 points in the middle of the third quarter, Lion fullback Kenneth Baldwin exploded up the middle for 46 yards and a Vernon touchdown. The extra point attempt by Doug Scribner failed.

With 8:21 left in the game, wingback Kelly Wright caught an 18-yard pass for another Vernon touchdown to cut Bowie's lead to six points.

Junior Vassar took the following kickoff and raced up the middle of the field for a Bowie touchdown. Don Deweber booted the extra point.

The Lions came back, driving from their own 36 to Bowie's five-yard line in only eight plays. From there, Skipworth passed to James Liles for the six point tally.

With Bowie leading 25-18, it appeared that Vernon was headed for another touchdown when Whit Cofield picked off a Vernon pass and raced 82 yards for the touchdown. Again, Deweber booted the extra point.

However, Willard Wilson took the following kickoff and made a tremendous 85-yard scamper for a Vernon touchdown.

The Lions then tried an onside kick and Vernon's Pat Peterson jumped on the loose pigskin. Two plays later, Willard Wilson scampered into the end zone from the seven-yard line. The two-point conversion for the Lions failed.

The final Lion drive stalled on the Vernon 11 yard line, and Bowie ran three plays in a vain attempt to score before the clock ran out. The final score of the exciting grid clash stood 32-30.



Evading a Bowie tackler, wingback Kelly Wright (43) follows Willard Wilson (25) to the Bowie seven-yard line.



O'Quinn Cairo (83) brings down Bowie's speedy flankerback Junior Vassar (48). Vernon lost the contest 32-30.

LIONS LOSE

Graham Gains Victory

Quarterback Morris Delong paced the Graham Steers to a second half rally, giving the visitors a 35-21 District 4-AAA victory over the Vernon Lions.

Aiding the Vernon attack with their outstanding running, tailback Willard Wilson carried the ball 24 times for a total of 161 yards and Quarterback Kenny Skipworth carried 12 times for 82 yards.

The Vernon defensive unit checked the Graham running attack but could not cope with the deadly passing of Delong and the outstanding receiving of end McNatt, Duncan, and Wheeler.

Although the Steers made the first score tally in the game, the Lions came roaring back as Pat Peterson took the kickoff and raced to the Graham 21. Willard Wilson picked up six yards around left end and then scooted 15 yards around right end for the touchdown. The tally came with 4:44 left in the first period. On a conversion attempt, Quarterback Skipworth passed to Wingback Kelly Wright for the bonus points, putting Vernon out in front 8-7 at the end of the half.

Resuming the game, Graham regained the lead. The final Graham touchdown was set up, making the score 35 to 15. Taking the following kickoff, the Lions marched 53 yards for their final touchdown, making the score 35-21.



Wingback Kelly Wright (43) picks up yardage for the Vernon Lions before being hauled down by two Graham defenders. Quarterback Kenny Skipworth (12) moves in to aid Wright. Although the Lions put up a tremendous battle, Graham won the game, 35-21.

O'Quinn Cairo



David Davis



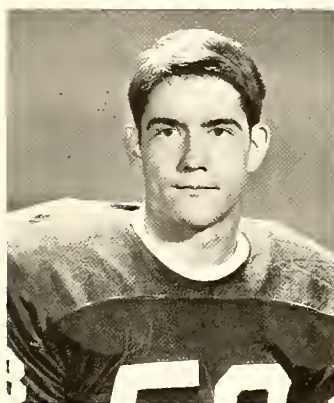
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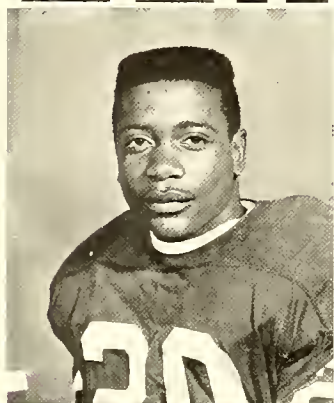
Jack Frost



Defensive Unit Exhibits Hard Attack



Jerry O'Gorman



James Palmer



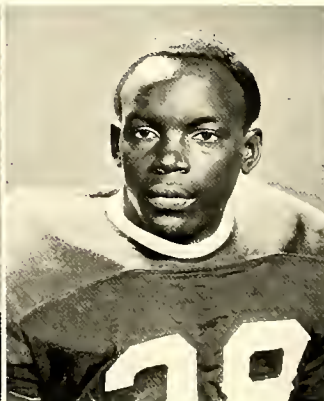
David Potter



Doug Scribner



Ricky Sims



Benny Wilson



Kelly Wright



Defensive halfbacks Pat Peterson (31) and David Dunnam (35) try to stop a Huskie (40) before he crosses the goal line.

Battling the touted Hirschi Huskies on near equal terms statistically in a District 3-AAA conference game, the Vernon Lions fell victim to the Huskies' ball-control tactics as they lost 28-12.

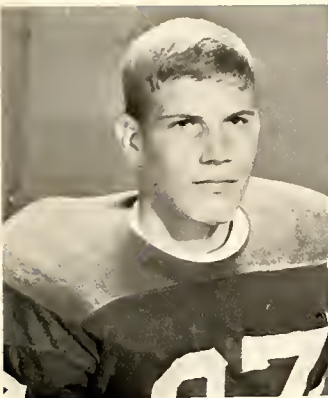
Roaring to a 14-0 lead before the spunky Lions could get rolling, the Huskies left the game at halftime with a 21-6 margin.

The fourth Huskie touchdown came in the third quarter with a 25-yard scamper over right tackle by halfback Leonard Ross. Rogers kicked his fourth straight conversion.

With 2:01 left in the third quarter, the Lions battled back with a 65-yard surge in nine plays, climaxed by a 10-yard scoring pass from Skipworth to Johnny Phipps.

In the fourth quarter, the Lions saw another drive, with Ricky Sims and Dennis King alternating at quarterback, die on the Hirschi 20.

Illustrating his running ability, Willard Wilson was the outstanding runner for the Lions. The defensive line was lead by Lions: Andy Brumley, Doug Scribner, David Dunnam, and David Davis. Jarrell Bohot, Jerry Zaicek, and O'Quinn Cairo were also standouts.



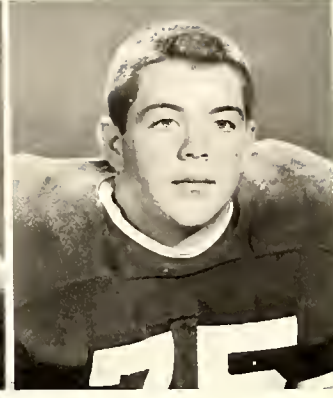
Chris Bell



Jabe Brazzle



Dennis King



Bobby Russell

HOMECOMING VICTORY

Vernon Lions Crush Burkburnett Bulldogs

Exploding for a stunning 42-0 District 4-AAA victory over the Burkburnett Bulldogs, the Vernon Lions motivated the traditional spirit of Homecoming.

Sparked by the running of scatback Willard Wilson, the Lions riddled the Burk defense for 412-yards rushing with a total of six touchdowns.

Vernon's defensive unit kept the Burk gridders in check throughout the contest. The Burk Bulldogs gained only 42 yards rushing and managed to complete 15 of 31 passes for 160 yards. Never making a serious scoring threat during the contest, the Bulldogs crossed the midstripe into Vernon territory only five times during the game.

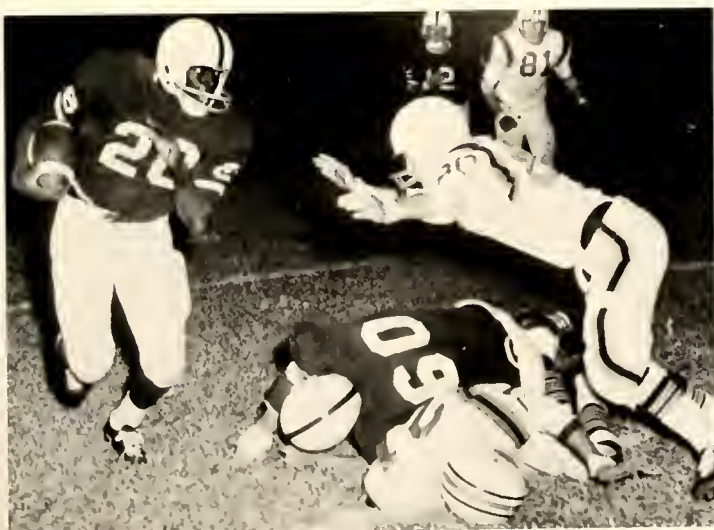
Tremendous lineplay by Vernon defenders such as

Tommy Allen, David Davis, Andy Brumley, Bob Russell, Steve Brown, Jarrell Bohot, Kenneth Towery, Doug Scribner, and Jerry O'Gorman proved the big difference in the contest.

Defensive halfback David Dunnam also made good hits during the contest, jarring the ball loose from pass receivers several times.

Alternate quarterbacks Ricky Sims and Dennis King proved their abilities during the fourth quarter, showing tremendous promise for the future Lions.

Outstanding for their ball-playing tactics were Lion gridders: Palmer, Benny Wilson, Potter, Byars, Woodward, Phipps, Harrison, Frost, Gordon, Zaicek, Owen, Bridges, Lagunas, Liles, and Bell.



Vernon's tailback Benny Wilson (28) picks up 20 yards and a Vernon touchdown as teammate Gary Gordon (60) throws a clearing block on two Burkburnett defenders.



Quarterback Kenny Skipworth (12) picks up a valuable block from Dempsey Harrison (55) as he rambles for 16 yards. The Lions went on to win the Homecoming tilt 42-0.



Defensive halfback Pat Peterson (31) and David Dunnam (35) bring down Washington's quarterback Felley Donaldson (6) while Jarrell

Bohot (71), Andy Brumley (53), Bobby Russell (75), Jerry O'Gorman, (58), and David Davis (79) rush to the aid.



Jack Frost (57) throws a key block for Vernon halfback James Palmer (20) as he breaks free on a 86-yard kickoff return.

FINAL GAME

Lions Lose 36-21

Playing inspired football, the Vernon Lions threatened to turn a hard-fought game with Booker T. Washington into an upset.

Trailing 21-0 in the last minute of the first half, quarterback Kenny Skipworth turned a broken pass play into a touchdown, rambling 49 yards around left end for the tally.

A third quarter Washington touchdown gave the Washington team a 28-7 lead when Vernon halfback James Palmer returned the following kickoff 86 yards behind tremendous blocking for the touchdown.

The final Vernon score came in the fourth quarter when Skipworth capped a 63-yard drive with a quarterback sneak from the one.

With 1:37 left in the game, Washington made their final touchdown, leaving the Lions with a 36-21 loss and a 2-7 record.



John Igou



Mark Cooper



Kenneth Olive



Dan Osborne

Shipp and Marler Guide Junior Varsity



Cougar tri-captains Larry Henderson, Scott Taylor, and Ricky Baker discuss important plays with Coach Richard Marler and Coach Royce Shipp.

Courage, strength, and ability exemplified the Vernon Cougars as they prepared for their future role as Vernon Lions. Devoting their time and effort to their team, the victory-minded Cougars sported a successful 6-2 season.

Selected by their teammates to serve as 1968 Cougar tri-captains, Larry Henderson, Scott Taylor, and Ricky Baker exemplified leadership by inspiring winning attitudes among their teammates. Scott Taylor is a Vernon High junior, whereas Ricky Baker and Larry Henderson are sophomore students. Playing football has played an important role in the past of all three boys.

Accepting responsibility and practicing tirelessly, the Cougars' training is a testing ground for the future Lions. The Lion-hearted spirit traditional with the Vernon Lions is developed during the participation in "B" team athletic competition and carried on to varsity competition. The Cougars' success of the season exemplified tremendous ability and great promise for the Lions. Many surrounding teams in the district found the Vernon Cougars hard to defeat. The "B" team defeated the Hirschi Pups, who had not been beaten for four seasons.

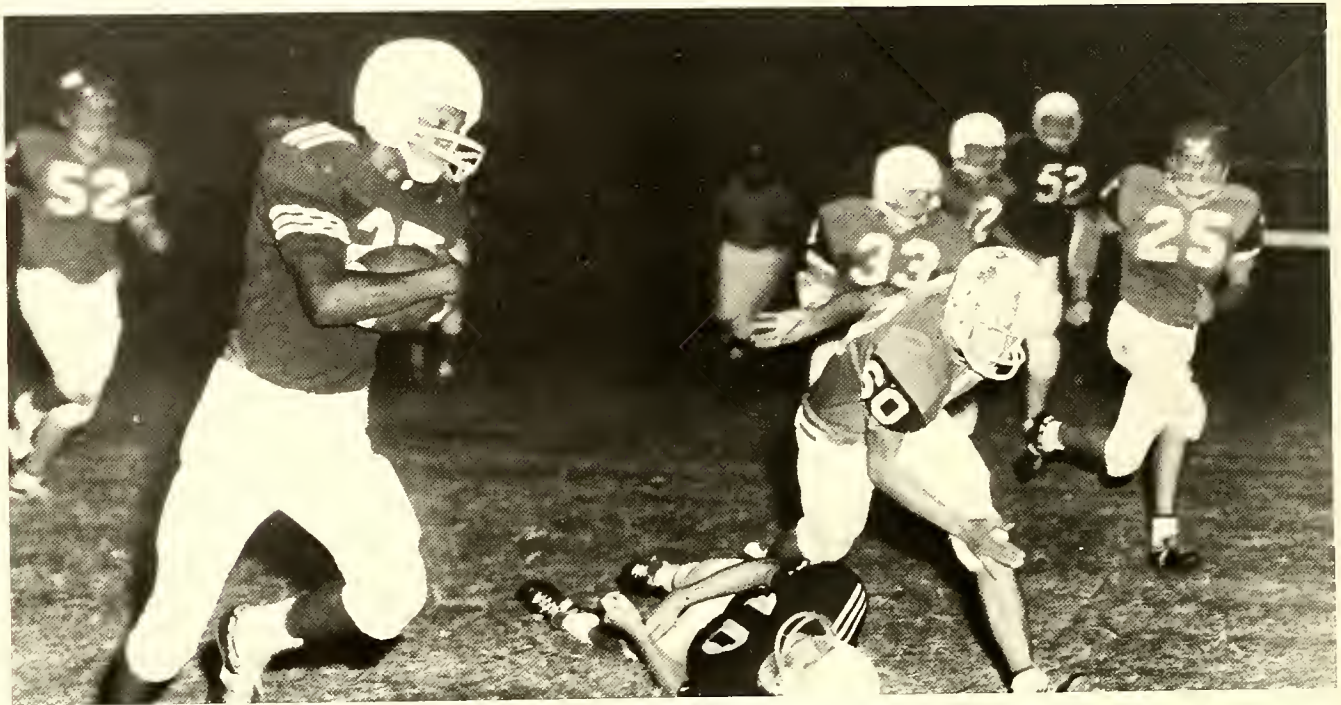
Encouraging and maintaining teamwork and spirit, Coach Royce Shipp and Coach Richard Marler instructed the team during the 1968 season. Both coaches have coached two years in the Vernon High School athletic system, as well as teaching academic subjects. Coach Shipp has also coached basketball while Coach Marler has instructed Freshman basketball and varsity golf. Coach Marler, Coach Shipp, and the Cougar tri-captains worked closely together, leading the Cougars to victory.



Halfback Mark Reynolds drives into the end zone for six points for the Vernon "B" team during the head-knocking clash with Hirschi.

Reynolds raced eight yards for the tally in the first quarter of play. The Cougars won the contest, 25-14.

Cougars Undergo Rugged Competition



Scatback Terry Flye (25) puts on the speed as he circles right end on a 25-yard touchdown scamper against Iowa Park. Quarterback Jody

Southerland (10) provides a key block. After overcoming a rash of penalties, the Vernon Cougars won the contest, 28-8.



Cougar fullback Richard Meers crosses the Iowa Park goal for one of three touchdowns scored by the hard-running back.



"B" team Cougar Ricky Baker (21) forces Iowa Park griddier (11) out of the way as he gains valuable yardage for Vernon.

Display Enthusiasm Throughout Victories



Vernon fullback Richard Meers (35) rambles for valuable yardage for the Cougars in the "B". team clash against Graham. The Cougars scored all of their 27 points in the first half of play and then coasted for the victory behind their strong defensive unit. The final score in the Vernon-Graham tilt was 27-6.



Quarterback Mike Klappenbach (12) picks up considerable yardage in an exciting grid clash against Burkburnett. The Cougars won 28-8.



Taking a pass from Jody Southerland, Terry Flye rambles for a 75-yard touchdown against Hirschi.



Setting up a Vernon touchdown by a 16-yard run, Mark Reynolds (40) is halted by a host of Altus defenders. The Cougars defeated the Pups by 34 points.



Bottom row: Everett Boone Mgr., Wayne Byrd (23), Tommy Slaphey (60), Larry Barton (64), Joe Don Anderson (28), Kenny Barton (72), Jimmy Bourland (17), Jody Sutherland (10), Terry Flye (25). 2nd row: Randy Edwards Mgr., David Querner (31), Gene Crieg (51), Lonnie Davis (83), Allan Hildebrand (73), Larry Henderson (61), Hoppy Taylor (36), Mike Crabtree (81), Robbie Robertson (45), Mark Blake, Mgr. 3rd row: Coach Richard Marler, Andy

Sharp (12), Ricky McClung (11), Mark Reynolds (44), Allen Anderson (87), Andrew Cargile (65), Ted Williams (62), Ricky Baker (21), Rusty Moore (70), Bob Duncan (4), Coach Royce Shipp. 4th row: Jerry Forture (86), Roger Townson (52), Scott Taylor (75), Richard Meers (35), Pass Tobar (71), Randy Austin (63), Stanley Walker (30), Mike Klappenback (12), Larry Bursey (74), Alton Parker (38), Donald Gordon (86).

JUNIOR VARSITY

Cougars Experience Successful 6-2 Season

SEASON RECORD

Vernon	28	Iowa Park	8
Vernon	51	Iowa Park	0
Vernon	14	Hirschi	36
Vernon	14	Altus	15
Vernon	28	Burkburnett	8
Vernon	27	Graham	6
Vernon	28	Hirschi	14
Vernon	42	Altus	8

FIRST YEAR GRIDDERS

Cubs Maintain Spirit With 7-2-1 Record

SEASON RECORD

Vernon	22	Breckenridge	0
Vernon	26	Hirschi	0
Vernon	20	Iowa Park	45
Vernon	22	Childress	12
Vernon	14	Burkburnett	6
Vernon	26	Graham	26
Vernon	22	Bowie	6
Vernon	6	W. F. High	26
Vernon	24	Washington	44



Bottom row: Weylin Steele Mgr., David Russell (70), Benny Pitts (7), Steve Raines (24), Steven Meads (86), Dan Moore (61), Gary Wagner (25), Robert Gibson (1), Mike Sanderson (75). 2nd row: Jeff Bearden (62), David Birdwell (58), Richard Standifer (67), David Frye (89), Tony Stroble (85), David Windham (81), Randy Stroble (20), Ricky Gillispie (60), David Gower (26). 3rd row: Coach Jack Upton, Roger Koch (81), Robert Crayton (48), Lawrence

Gaines (33), Dennis Swartz (79), Richard Miller (40), Sammy Robinson (65), Steve Clayton (18), Tim Schur (16), Charles Finley (42), Coach Bobby Arnold. 4th row: Gary Gribble (78), Larry Railsback (43), Jim Wright (68), Freddy Gribbs (32), John Finley (87), Marshall Capps (77), Robert Pope (66), Wayne Walker (71), David Fennell, Mgr.

DISTRICT RECORD

Winter Brings 1968-69 Basketball Season

Vernon	50	Bowie	77
Vernon	47	Graham	51
Vernon	49	Hirshi	51
Vernon	55	Burkburnett	47
Vernon	35	Washington	92
Vernon	50	Bowie	45
Vernon	73	Graham	71
Vernon	48	Hirshi	57
Vernon	57	Burkburnett	46
Vernon	48	Washington	104



BASKETBALL TEAM

Cagers Display Sportsmanship and Ability



The 1968-69 varsity basketball team: Bottom row: James Palmer (40), Bennie Wilson (30), David Self (20), Lonnie Davis (24), Willard Wilson (42). 2nd row: Bobby Byars (22), Mike Coggins (32), O'Quinn

Cairo (50), Coach Royce Shipp, Mike Klapperbach (12), Daryl Dickey (10), and Everett Boone.

Sparked by enthusiasm, the Vernon Lions basketball team displayed spirited determination and ability throughout the 1968-69 season. The team entered many surrounding area tournaments, beginning the hard race for the District 4-AAA Championship.

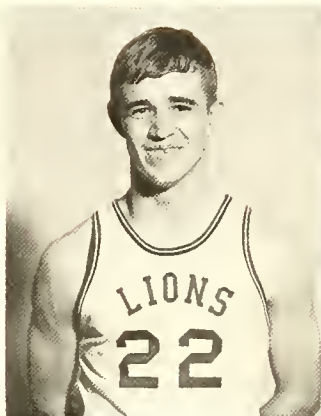
Hours of diligent practice, and sacrificed weekends aided the roundballers in the struggle for victory.

Coach Royce Shipp instructed through his coaching ability to improve the accuracy and skill of each boy.

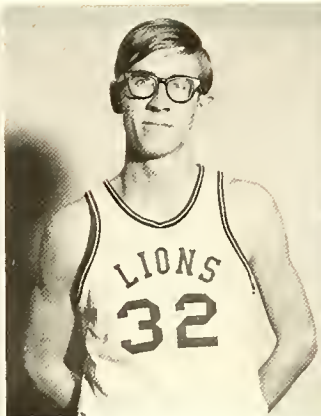
Coach Shipp provided the leadership of ball tactics as well as sportsmanship. The team's true success was shown by the Sportsmanship Trophy received at the

Possum Kingdom Invitational Basketball Tournament at Graham. An outstanding cager for the basketball squad, Willard Wilson won an individual trophy for making the all tournament team. The trophy Willard won revealed his ability as well as his desire for excellence in the sport.

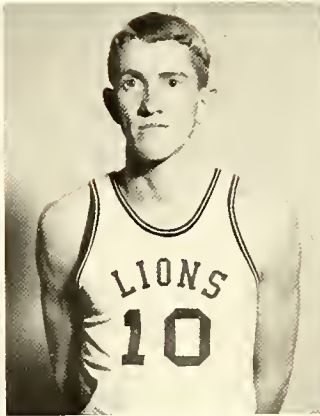
Although the Lions underwent tough competition, they exhibited spirit, ability, and sportsmanship throughout the 1968-69 season. Each boy practiced diligently and played to the best of his ability. This dedication symbolized the ever-present Lion-hearted spirit of the Vernon Lions.



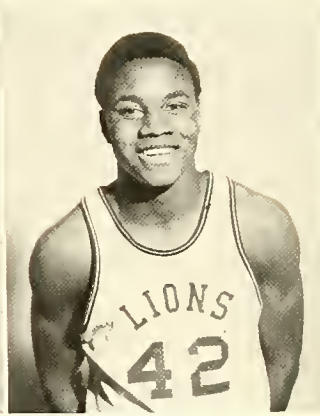
Bobby Byars



Mike Coggins



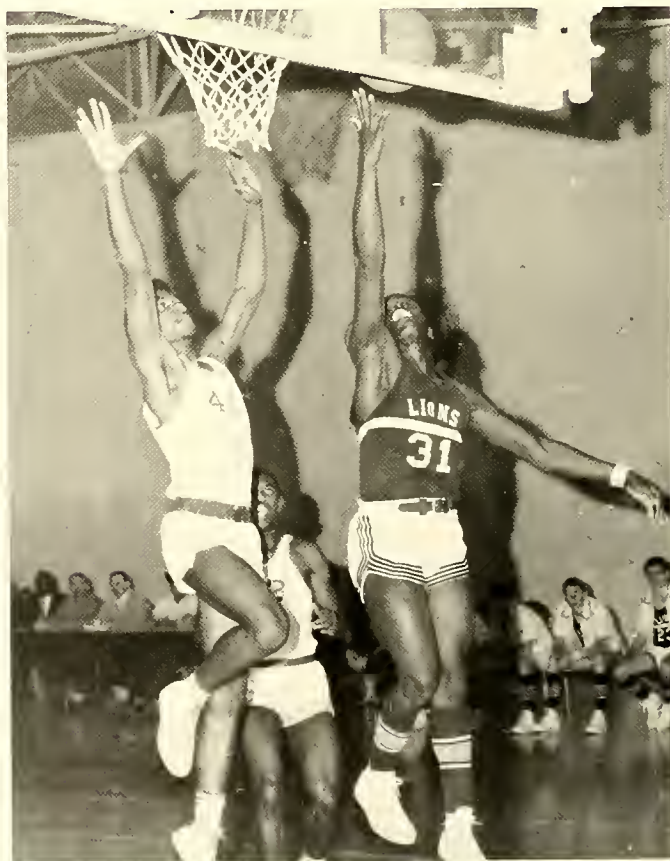
Daryl Dickey



Willard Wilson

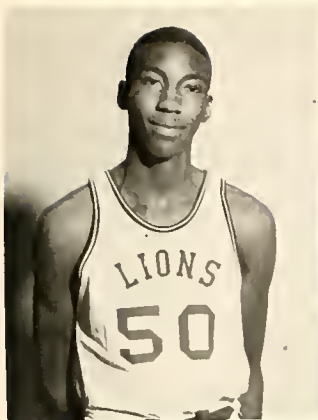
STIFF COMPETITION

First Round District Action Trips Vernon



Driving in under the basket, Bennie Wilson lays up two points for Vernon as a Washington Leopard vainly tries to block the shot.

Vernon's Daryl Dickey (11) goes high to retrieve a rebound for the Lions in a non-conference game with the Paducah Dragons. Paducah won 63-57.



O'Quinn Cairo



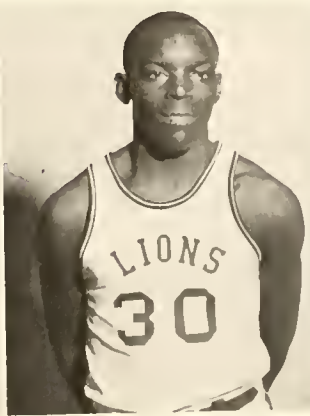
Lonnie Davis



Vernon's Daryl Dickey drives against a Graham defender in an exciting cage clash. The Graham Steers won the close battle 51-47.



James Palmer



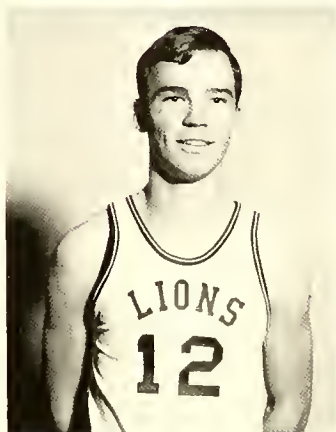
Bennie Wilson



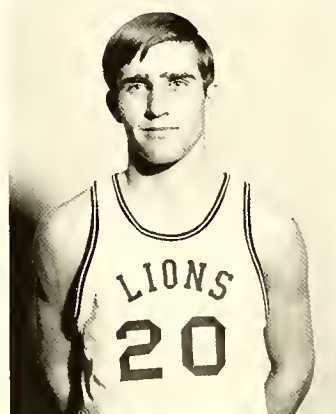
Outstanding Vernon Lion cager, Willard Wilson makes a beautiful shot as he strains to gain valuable height above his opponents' reach of the ball.

LIONS ARE VICTORIOUS

Lions Defeat Bowie Graham, Burkburnett



Mike Klappenbach



David Self



Everett Boone



Trying to secure the perfect position for scoring, David Self (21) dribbles against a persistent Hirschi defender. Vernon lost the hard-fought battle by a close margin 51-49.



James Palmer (41) displays his skillful talent of dribbling as he drives during a crucial moment of the Bowie game. Beginning the second round of district action, Vernon won the close contest 50-45.



Lonnie Jones, Washington's top rebounder, grabs a loose ball while Mike Klappenbach (13) moves in on the play. In the final game of the season, the Leopards won the contest 104-48.

Cougars Display Basketball Techniques



The B-team basketball squad is: Bottom row: Vertis Norman, Ricky Sims, Jimmy Bourland. 2nd row: Mike Crabtree, Allan Hildebrand, David Querner, Alan Anderson, Ted Williams, David Potter. Top row: Dennis King, Lynn Hopper, Stanley Walker, Richard Ramsey, Donald Gordon, and Chris Bell.

DISTRICT RECORD

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Vernon	40	Burkburnett	59
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Vernon	45	Burkburnett	51
Vernon	50	Washington	54



Cougars Donald Gordon (41) and Stan Walker (13) go high into the air for a rebound in an exciting B-team clash.



Freshman team: Bottom row: Jody Southerland (33), Larry Brown (25), Steve Raines (24), Cherry Ricks (23), Milton Sheppard (32), Tony Stroble (26). Second row: Benny Pitts (41), Jim Wright (33), Lawrence Gaines (43), Steve Clayton (11), Ricky Meads (15), David

Gower (28), Brent Phelps, Mgr. Third row: Coach Ronnie Reeger, Larry Railsback (44), John Finley (34), Terry Flye (45), Freddy Gibbs (47), Robert Crayton (43), Charles Finley (42), David Clark Mgr., and Weylin Steele Mgr.

FISH BEGIN

Freshman Cagers Exhibit Sportsmanship

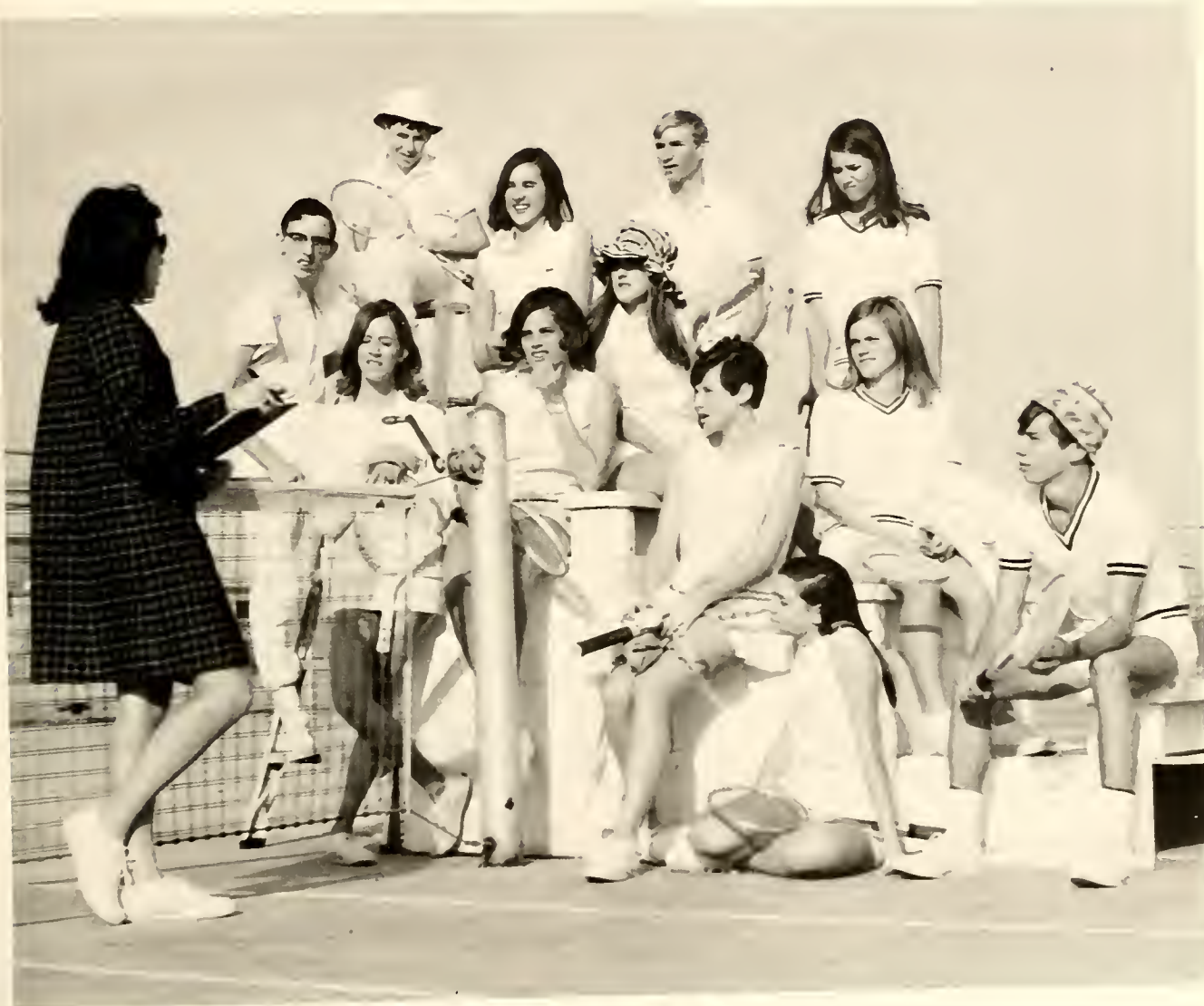


Larry Railsback adds two points to the scoreboard to help Vernon win a 46-39 victory over Burk.



Vernon's Robert Crayton fires a jump shot over the outstretched hands of a Graham defender. Graham defeated the Cubs in a closely contested battle 60-53.

Co-Captains Guide Varsity Tennis Team



The 1969 Tennis Team consists of: Coach Cheryl Malone, junior Gary McCubbin, sophomore Tom Dickey, sophomore Emily Hanna, Kenny McClure, a senior, Sophomore Laura Sheridan, junior Brenda Ashby, Nancy Renfro a junior and captain of the girls' team, senior Barbara Dickey, junior Patti Price, Sherri Sharp, a freshman, junior Donna Koontz, and Don Reinisch, a senior and captain of the boy's team.

Coach Cheryl Malone proudly exhibits a team trophy won at the 1968 Amarillo Relays. Elected captains for the 1969 team, Don Reinisch and Nancy Renfro played a large part in the winning of the trophy.

SKILLED RACQUETEERS

Vigorous Netters Eye

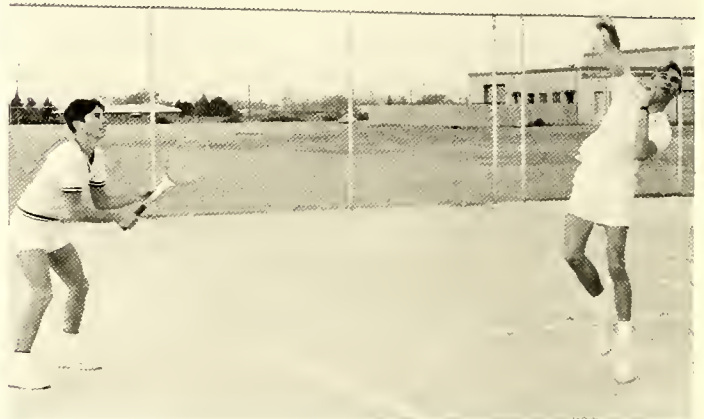
Coached by Mrs. Cheryl Malone, the varsity tennis team prepared for the 1969 tennis season by hard and vigorous practice sessions after school. Traveling to the Electra, Snyder, and Burkburnett tournaments to compete against different schools, the Vernon netters prepared for the 1969 district meet at Brownwood.

Elected to serve as captains for the 1968-69 season were Nancy Renfro and Don Reinisch. Nancy is a junior student and a third year letterman while Don, a senior, has served the VHS tennis team for two years.

Giving their time and energy, the tennis players work to promote team spirit and harmony.



Executing her serve in perfect form, girls' singles competitor Barbara Dickey delivers an unreturnable smash to her opponent.



Don Reinisch watches as his partner Kenny McClure smashes a lob. Don and Kenny represented the team as the boys' doubles.



Tennis players Brenda Ashby, Emily Hanna, Laura Sheridan, Nancy Renfro, Barbara Dickey, and Sherri Sharp prepare for an afternoon of tennis.

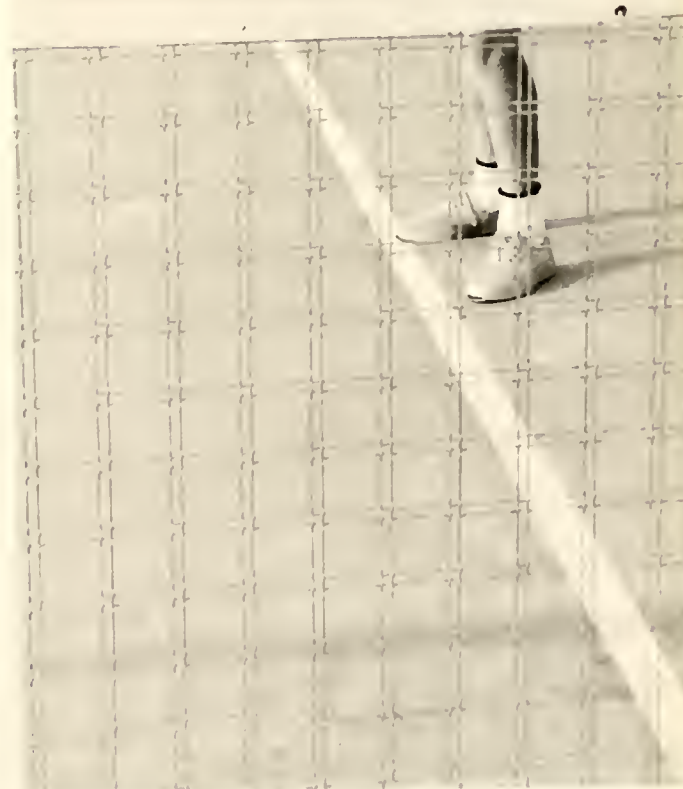


Representing the girls' doubles, Nancy Renfro returns an opponent's serve while her partner Brenda Ashby observes.

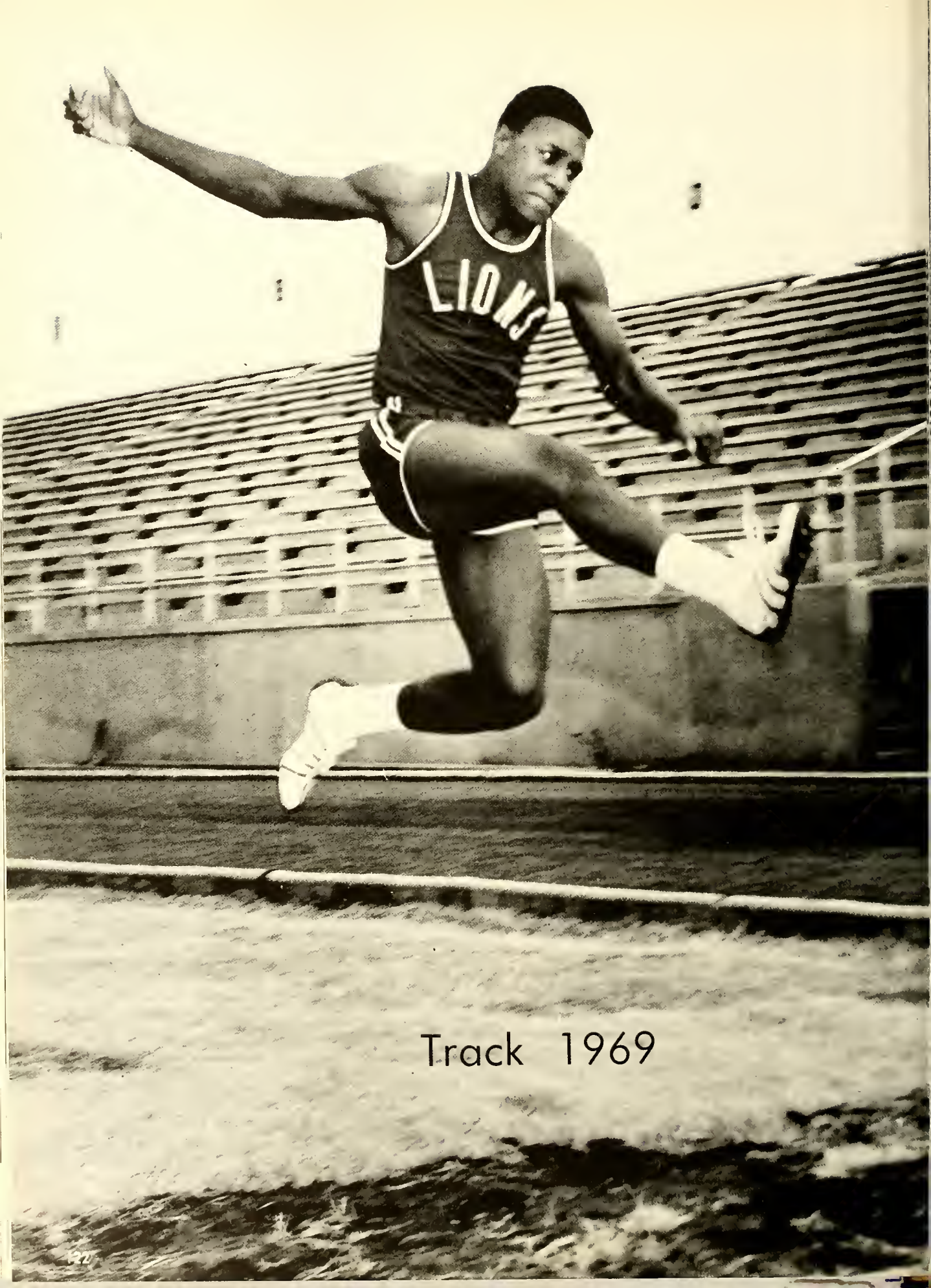
Action in Spring Tournament Competition



After winning an important match, freshman Sherri Sharp shows her exuberance by clearing the net to shake the hand of her opponent. Sherri represented V.H.S. in the freshman division of competition.



Demonstrating the correct form, sophomore netter Tommy Dickey, second-year letterman, uses his forehand in order to make a vital return.



Track 1969

TRACK BEGINS

V.H.S. Cindermen Begin 1968-69 Season



Members of the varsity track team are: 1st row: Jerry O'Gorman, Mark Reynolds, Mike Crabtree, Andy Sharp, Allen Anderson, Benny Wilson, Willard Wilson, Ricky McClung, Vertis Norman, James Palmer, Bob Duncan. 2nd row: Mark Cooper Mgr., Terry Flye, David Self, Alton Parker, Randy Austin, Dennis King, Tommy Allen, Ricky Baker,

Tom Oliver, Johnny Phipps, Wayne Ballard. 3rd row: Lon Byars, Chris Bell, Daryl Dickey, Mike Klappenbach, Jabe Brazzle, Scott Taylor, O'Quinn Cairo, Dempsey Harrison, Jerry Forcher, Richard Meers, Kenneth Olive Mgr.

Amid the approaching days of sunshine and pretty weather, thoughts turned from football and basketball to the vigorous sport of track. The tracksters donned warm-ups once again, realizing that hours of hard practice lie in the future. Developing coordination and stamina was the primary goal of the tracksters. Preparation for the District 4-AAA Invitational Meet was the main concern as it was staged in Vernon in early March. Future tournaments included the Possum Kingdom Relays at Graham, Wichita Coyote Relays at Wichita Falls, the Kangaroo Relays at Weatherford, and the District meet held at Brownwood.

The Vernon tracksters included the varsity athletes, and many more boys constituting the "Ragknots" and the freshman team.

Coach Jack Upton concentrated primarily on the field events while Coach Jack Weldon instructed the track events.

The "Ragknots" were coached by Coach Ronnie Reeger and the freshman team by Coach Royce Shipp. The "Ragknots" and the freshman team concentrated mainly in developing future skill for varsity competition. Both teams produce future cindermen to add to the Vernon Lion Roster.



Coaches Jack Weldon and Jack Upton seem, by the expressions on their faces, to believe that coaching is an amusing job.

Varsity Tracksters Compete for Contests



Hurdler Stanley Walker practices for his event during an early spring workout. Stanley participates in this field event with success.



Expressing intense concentration, James Palmer takes the baton from Benny Wilson as the relay progresses to the finish.



Sprinter Ricky McClung and teammate Willard Wilson start from the blocks as they practice their field event and increase their speed.



Ricky Baker hits the sand after leaving the runway. The expression on Ricky's face expresses his determination.

Field Events Practiced for District Meets



Racing to beat time and competitors, sprinter Terry Flye passes the baton to teammate Richard Meers during a heated race.



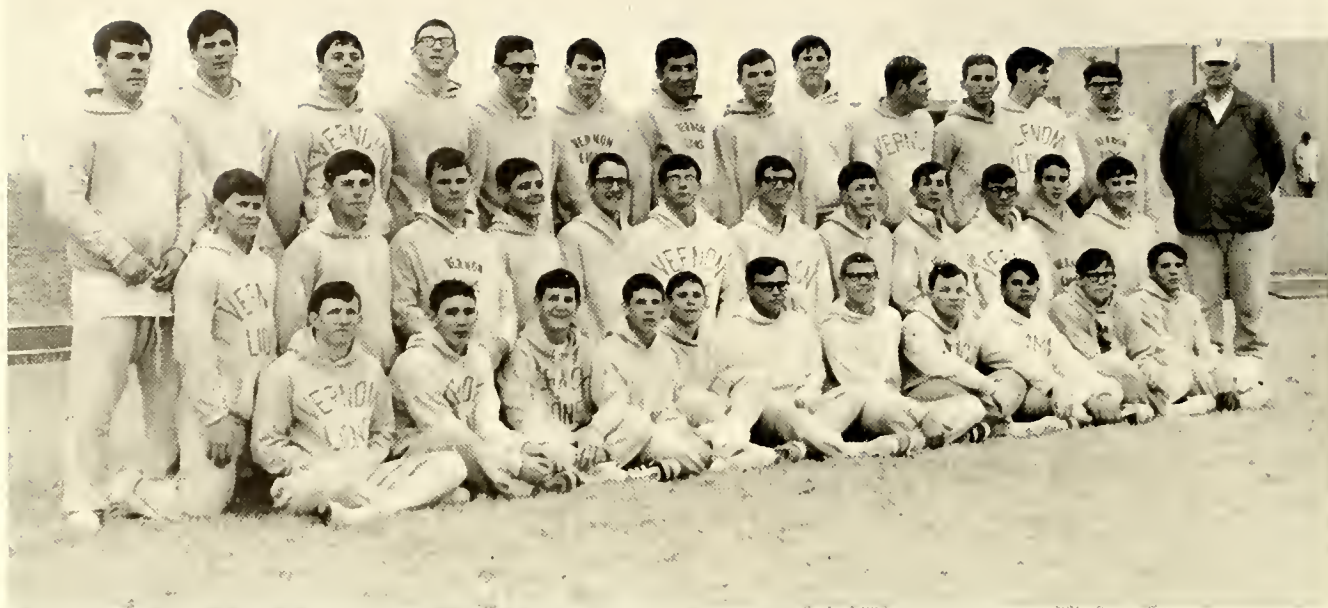
Trackster Mike Klappenbach crosses the bar to execute a perfect jump. Characteristic of many events, the form and tactics of the cindermen differ from each other.



Relay team members, Bob Duncan, Scott Taylor, Daryl Dickey, Johnny Phipps, and Jerry Forcher demonstrate teamwork by holding a baton.



As pole vaulter Alan Anderson approaches the crossbar, Alan increases his speed to aid his jump and improve his approach.



The "Ragknots": 1st row: Edward Casey, David Russell, Randy Stroble, Gary Waggoner, Joe Don Anderson, Tommy Slappey, Richard Standifer, Kenny Barton, Wayne Walker, Larry Barton. 2nd row: Mike Sanderson, Dennis Swartz, Sammy Robinson, Rusty Moore, Tim Schur, Hoppy Taylor, Robbie Robertson, Ricky Sims, Tony Stroble, Wayne Byrd,

David Gower, David Birdwell. 3rd row: Andrew Cargile, Carroll Lee Campbell, David Davis, David Fennell, Richard Miller, Lynn Hopper, Pass Tobar, Allen Hildebrand, Rodger Townson, Larry Bursey, David Potter, Lee Fisher, Ted Williams, and Coach Ronnie Reeger.

FUTURE VARSITY

"Ragknots," Freshmen Form Junior Varsity



The Freshman team: 1st row: David Russell, Steve Raines, Ricky Meads, Tony Stroble, Larry Brown, Benny Pitts, David Birdwell, Charles Finley, Van Dardis, Dan Vanek. 2nd row: Mike Sanderson, Larry Railsback, Sammy Robinson, Dwight Higgins, Richard Standifer, Jeff Bearden,

David Gower, Sammy Casey, Wayne Walker. 3rd row: David Fennell, Robert Crayton, Carroll Campbell, Bob Russell, Tim Schur, Lawrence Gaines, Robert Pope, Freddie Gibbs, David Clark, Marshall Capps, John Finley, Richard Peterson, and Coach Royce Shipp.

Spring Practice Prepares VHS Golfers



Representing Vernon High School for the '69 golf season are: sophomore Danny Slappey, freshman Brent Phelps, juniors Tim Truelove

and David Dunnam, freshman Jody Southerland, sophomore Roy Farrell, freshman Jim Wright, and Gary Gibbs, a junior.



Roy Farrell, Coach Richard Marler, and Danny Slappey examine a new set of irons in the pro shop of the Country Club.

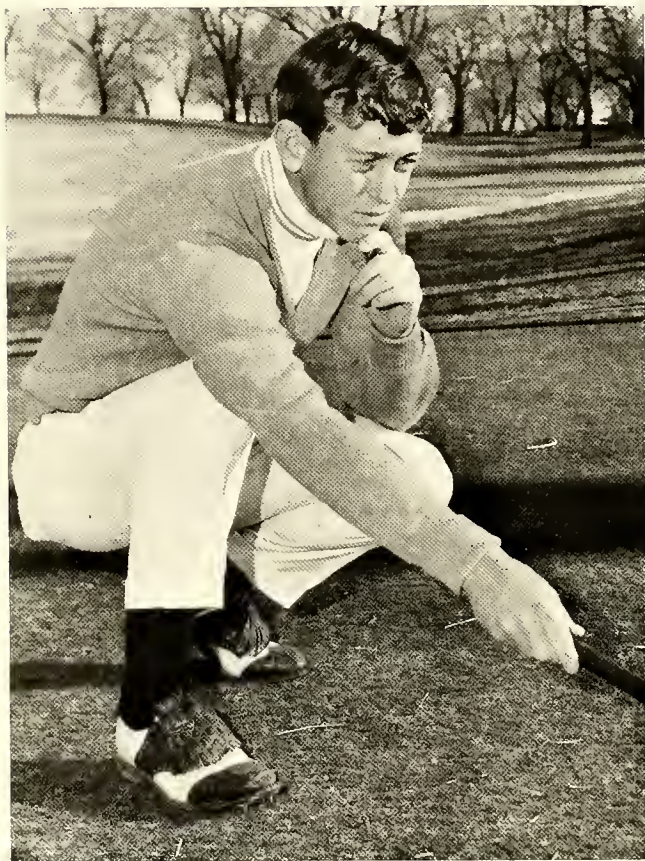
Meeting at the Hillcrest Country Club for daily practice, the Vernon High School golf team began its season in mid February. Guided by Coach Richard Marler, the team consisted of eight dedicated and skilled golfers. Among these boys were five returning lettermen and three freshmen.

In preparation for the important district match at Brownwood, the team attended tournaments in Wichita Falls, Graham, and Brownwood. In addition, they competed against numerous area schools in practice meets.

Besides demanding a great amount of patience, golf is basically a game of strategy and skill. For this reason, the eight members of the VHS golf team practiced swings and putts in order to develop their golfing techniques. In addition, golfing requires great concentration as well as athletic form and ability.

DISTRICT 4-AAA

Practice Aids Golfers



Concentrating on a vital putt, David Dunnam, a junior member of the team, lines up the ball in order to sink his shot.



Putting force behind his swing, sophomore Roy Farrell makes short work of a dirty job as he drives the ball out of the sand trap.



Freshman members of the golf team, Jimmy Wright, Brent Phelps, and Jody Southerland make their way back up the hill after completing nine holes of golf.



Vernon High School golfers Gary Gibbs and Jimmy Wright finish washing their golf balls before joining the team to begin their usual afternoon practice.

Believing that practice makes perfect, Danny Slappey works diligently on the putting green to increase his accuracy. The reward of hours of hard practice proves profitable as Danny illustrates here.



Starting his practice for the afternoon, junior Tim Truelove is mindful of his swing as he tees off for hole number one.



Spirit of Unity

When the spirit of the wind is restless, all of nature prepares for a storm or for a change in the weather. Cattle huddle closely together with their backs to the wind for protection. When danger impends, they struggle together until a new dawn awakens, and the trouble is pacified. So, too, do friends stand by in times of need. When danger impends, all of one's classmates are there to help out. The different classes do not divide students into separate grade levels, but they unite them into one whole unit to strive together for learning at V.H.S.





Elite of Senior Class Lead Student Body



Enjoying a high blowing wind, Senior class officers Kenny Skipworth, president; Judy Graf, secretary; Joni Lutz, reporter; Geronimo

Lagunas, vice-president; and Kay Nowlin, treasurer; stand near a symbol of wind, the windmill.



Spirit, pride, and loyalty are dominant traits of the Senior Class of 1969. Creating spirit with their mighty yell, "Ever-faithful to the Lions says the Class of '69," seniors cheered for the fighting Vernon Lions.

Senior class officers were Kenny Skipworth, president; Geronimo Lagunas, vice-president; Kay Nowlin, treasurer; Judy Graf, secretary; and Joni Lutz, reporter.

Top brass of VHS revealed pride in each phase of their final year. From the first minute admired and long-awaited senior rings touched their fingers, to work on the float, "Three Coins in a Fountain," to production of the senior play, to the final walk down the aisle to receive coveted diplomas, seniors executed all memorable moments with pride.

Supporting school activities and teams through victories as well as defeats, Seniors proved loyal to all segments of school life.

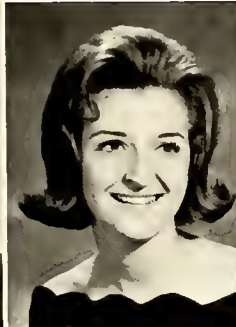
At the end of four years, spirit, pride, and loyalty are synonymous with the Senior Class of 1969.

Senior class sponsors, Coach Royce Shipp and Mrs. Barbara Hughes, take a few moments to discuss senior activities.

Senior Class Develops Spirit of Maturity



Judy Adams
Myra Anderson
Maria Atkisson
Janet Bachman



Kenneth Baldwin
Linda Baldwin
Steve Ballard
Danny Barnes



Phil Bartlett
David Barton
Debra Beaty
Tim Bell



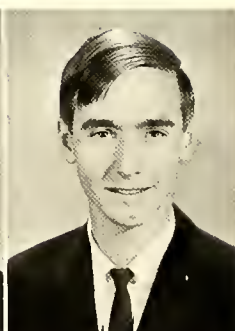
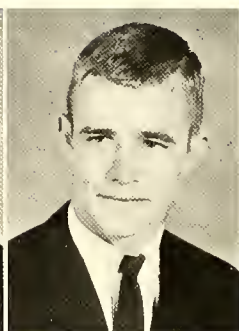
Deanna Bess
Jarrell Bohot
Jan Bolton
Debbie Bookout



Linda Bowen
Vicki Brackeen
Jerry Bridges
Steve Brown

Girls Plus More Girls Mean Talk Talk

Judie Brownlow
Andy Brumley
Bobby Byars
Robert Cargile



Sherry Carpenter
John Cartusciello
Janet Chambers
Boyd Clement



Mike Coggins
Margene Cook
Janice Cousins
Bobby Crews



Senior cheerleaders Sara Jane Snell and Karen Flesher sit on the edge of their chairs talking in the Senior section with other Senior girls

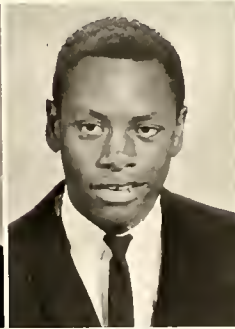
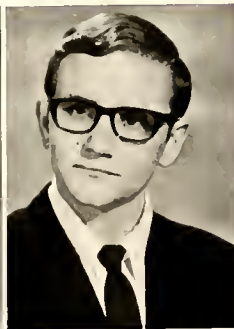
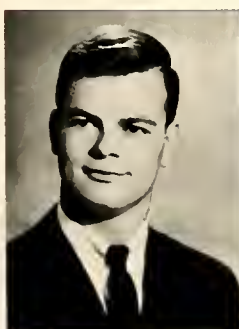
during the half-time break in the pep rally while waiting to hear the day's guest speaker.

Active Individuals Overwhelmed by Action

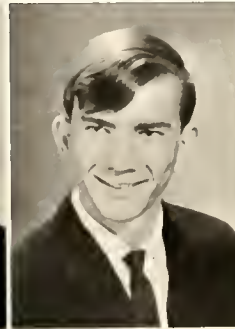


With every face in the stands turned toward the action, the last minutes of a rivalry-filled basketball game came to an exciting

climax. Among the many spirited fans, Senior faces show the tense atmosphere which is generated from a worthwhile activity.



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Vicki Daniel
Johnny Davis
Mike Dean

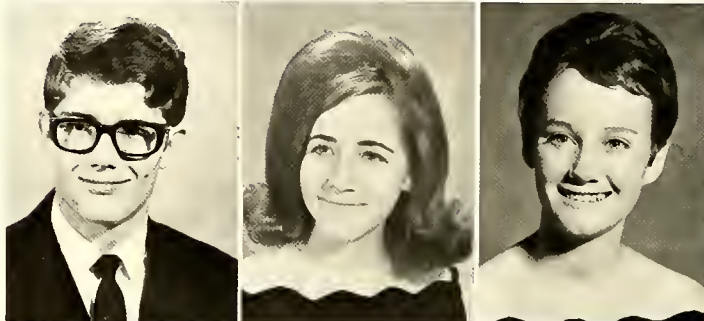


Mary De La Rosa
Barbara Dickey
Daryl Dickey
Larry Dodson

Soaring Senior Spirit



During a football game, Janice Smith, Paula Quillin and Kenda Phelps portray a perfect picture of spirited supporters.



Sherry Gray
Buddy Griffith
David Ham
John Hancock
Dempsey Harrisor
Weldon Hawley
June Henderson



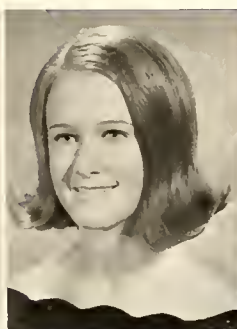
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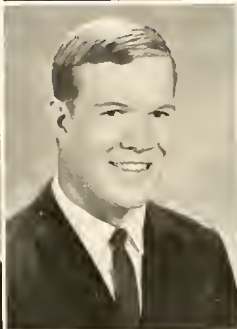
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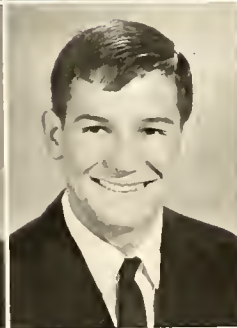
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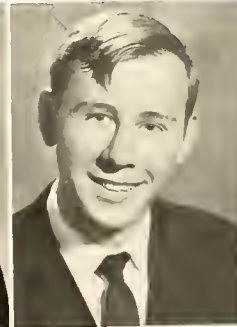
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Ricky Fennell
Wanda Finley
Karen Flesher
Greg Forbess
Debra Fox



Bobby Franklin
Dianne Frith
Joyce Gilmore
James Golden
Gary Gordon
Judy Graf
Lutherine Grant



The one and only "Joni-in-the-box" happens to be a real live Senior who decided to pop-up for a nice surprise.



WHICH WITCH?

Production Presents Popular Personalities

Betsy Johnston



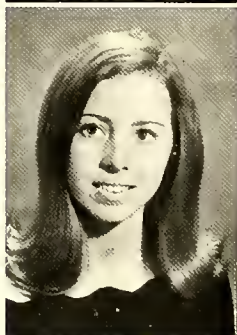
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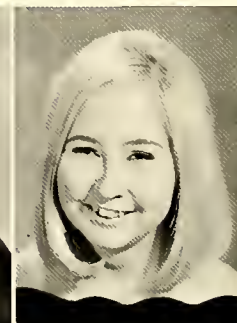
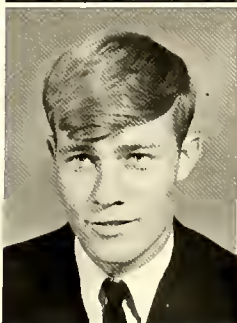
Terry Jones



Kathy Keener



Dale Kemp
Linda Kempf
Billy Kidd
Charlotte Koch



Judy Graf, alias Witch Hex in "Snow White," stirs a cauldron of frogs, snails, heart of pig, and other scrumptious delicacies of the forest.

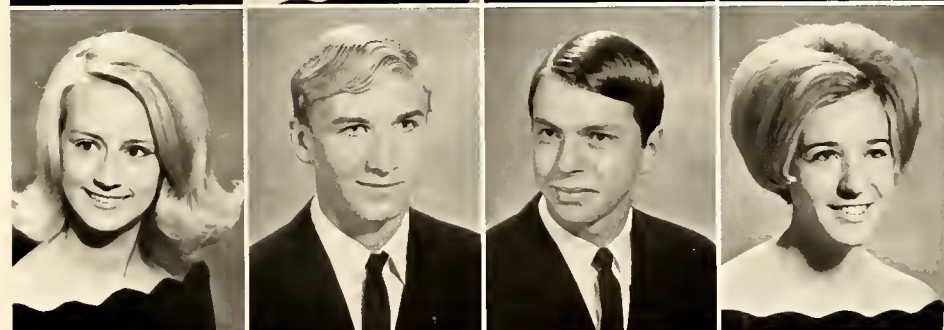
Seniors Strive To Reach Graduation Day



Geronimo Lagunas
Larry Lawson
Diane Lewis
James Liles



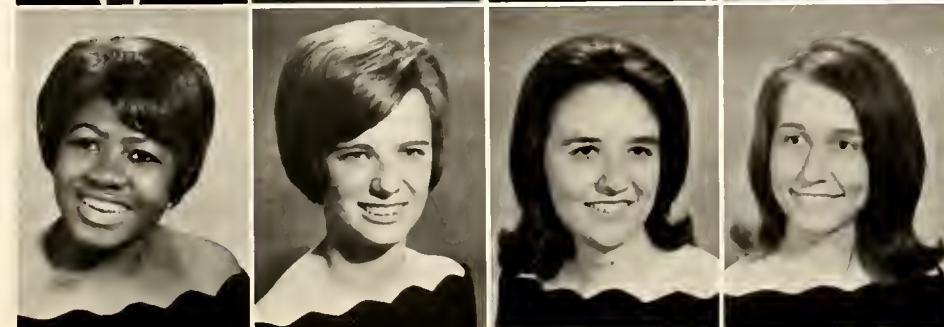
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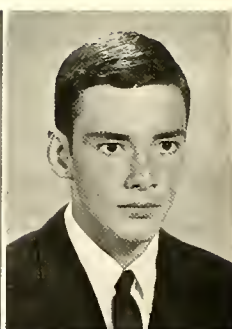
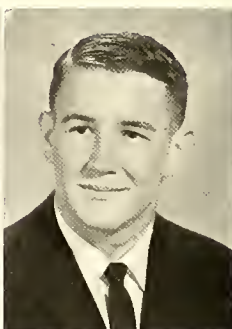
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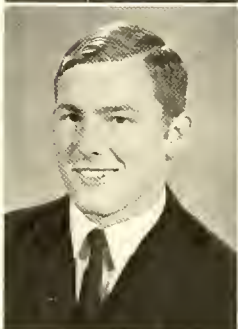
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Lavern Odom
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Fluffy Fountain Float Erected by Seniors

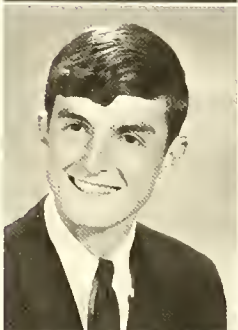
Roddy O'Neal
Keith Owen
Sandra Pennington
Johnny Phipps



Bill Powell
John Querner
Sharon Querner
Paula Quillin



Johnny Rainwater
Donnie Reinisch
Ronnie Reinisch
Randy Riall



Paula Rich



Karen Richie



The Senior float, "Three Coins in a Fountain" was constructed of thousands upon thousands of blue, green, and white paper napkins.

Styles Change; Good Grooming Remains



Finally, Billy Kidd can get a professional-looking haircut at school. Judy Graf proves her cutting prowess as she administers a trim of finesse.



Dan Roberson



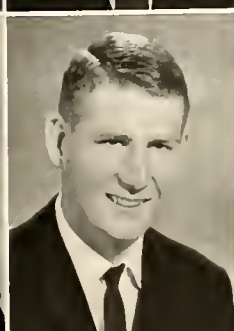
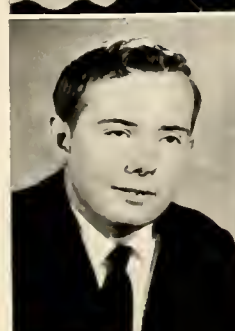
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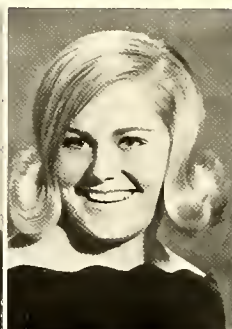
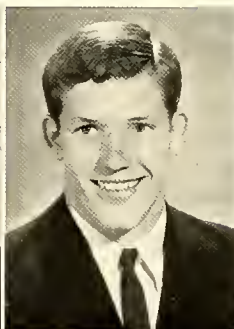
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Friendly Spirits Prepare For Departure

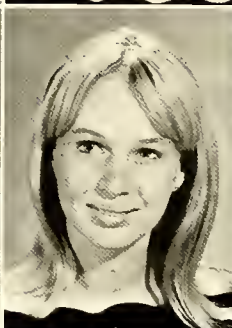
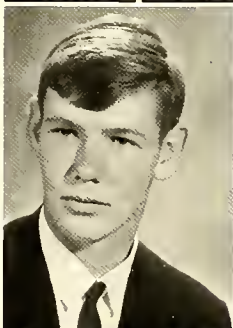
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Pat Spradlin



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Veronica Stowers
Diane Studdard
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Kenneth Towery
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Marilyn Trewett
Marla Wages
Sherry Waggoner
Terry Walden
Judie Wheeler



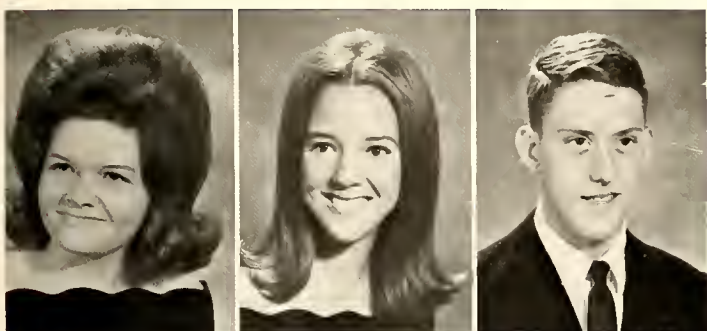
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Pam White
Winona Wiley
Peggy Wilkinson
Judy Williams
Charlie Mae Willie
Willard Wilson



Isla Wood
Donnie Woodard
Joe Word
Don Yates
Linda Young
Jerry Zaicek



Last Year Activities Enjoyed by Seniors



Kathy Keener is pictured wondering how tall she is while Mr. James Easley measures her for her graduation cap and gown.

"I can't believe that's really you," says Billy Kidd to Phillip Bartlett at a dress rehearsal for the children's play.



JUNIOR LEADERS

Third-Year Officers Guide Classmates



Junior class officers Ricky Sims, vice-president; Karen Hardison, secretary; Kenneth Olive, treasurer; Brenda Ashby, reporter; and

Tim Truelove, president; sense the presence of the "Spirit of the Wind" as they stand opposite a dilapidated barn.



Selling programs at home varsity football games was one of the activities of the junior class this year. The purpose of this project was to earn money to provide the entertainment essentials for a successful banquet for a deserving Senior class.

Juniors experienced the not so pleasant task of taking scholastic achievement tests such as the ITED, PSAT, and ACT to prepare them for the years ahead.

"When I Rule the World," Class of '71's entry in the Homecoming Parade, was represented by a revolving globe constructed of blue and green paper napkins on a trailer with a lion made of cloth.

Officers for the class were Tim Truelove, president; Ricky Sims, vice-president; Karen Hardison, secretary; Kenneth Olive, treasurer; and Brenda Ashby, reporter.

Class sponsors included Mrs. Nadine Burns, Mr. Jackie Upton, Mr. Jack Weldon, Mr. Bobby Wall, Mrs. Laurie Ashley, Mrs. Alberta Moore, and Mrs. Alta Miller. Sponsors are an essential part of each class.

Gathering in the office before school are three Junior class sponsors, Mrs. Alta Miller, Mrs. Nadine Burns, and Mr. Jackie Upton.

ACTIVE GROUP

Juniors Participate in Spirited Plans



Edna Adams
Tommy Allen
Joe Don Anderson
Claudia Ansel
Lee Ashcraft

Brenda Ashby
Dorothy Ballard
Wayne Ballard
Jimmy Barnes
Tony Barrier

Anita Batch
Terri Blake
David Blythe
Everett Boone
Lon Byars



Before school, Kenda Phelps is seen selling a ribbon to Claudia Colley. Juniors also contribute to the general spirit of VHS by selling programs at football games.



Cynthia Earthman ponders over the problems which arise during a typical day. As a Junior, she is confronted with many decisions which will influence her life.



Junior girls Susan Steele, Claudia Colley, Jan Todd, and Patti Price defied the old adage "Too many cooks spoil the spaghetti," when

they all helped prepare the dish. The girls were cooking for the spaghetti supper which was held for a worthy cause.

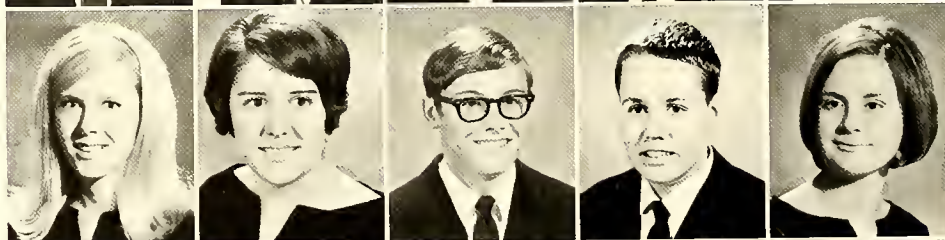
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Junior Class Supports Worthy Causes

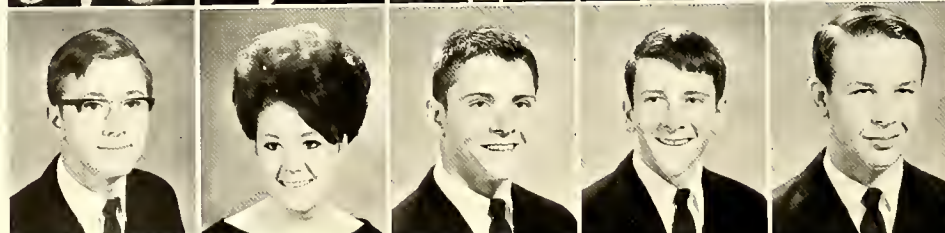
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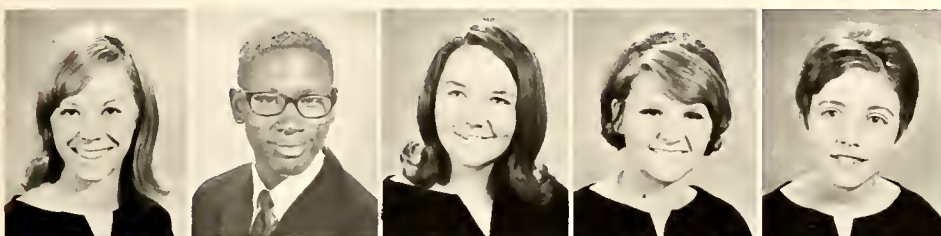


Tony Crews
Delores Davidson
David Davis
Lonnie Davis
Earl Dickerson



TIRED TESTERS

Particular People Pooped by Hard Tests



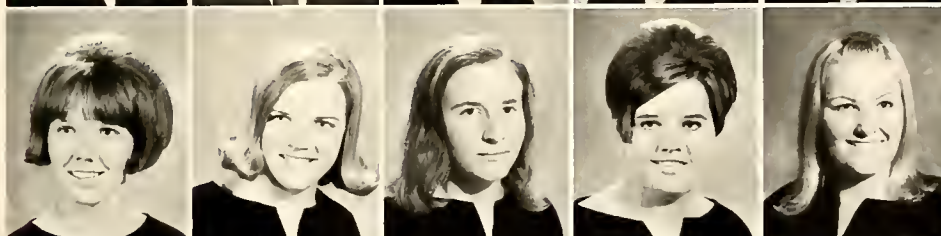
Vickie Dickerson
Glen Dixon
Barbara Doherty
Diane Draughan
Marsha Duffie



David Dunnam
Billy Durr
Cynthia Earthman
Liz Eaton
Kathy Evans



Elaine Fenter
Jack Frost
Ruby Fry
Frances Galvez
Mayra Gauldin



Beverly Gibson
Mary Ann Golden
Claire Goodrum
Lana Greschel
Carolyn Ham



Karen Hardison



Joe Don Anderson and Frances Galvez leave the testing center with apparently weary brains. From their facial expressions, the depressing test atmosphere has not been lifted. Third-year pupils take many tests which are helpful in determining ability and achievement.

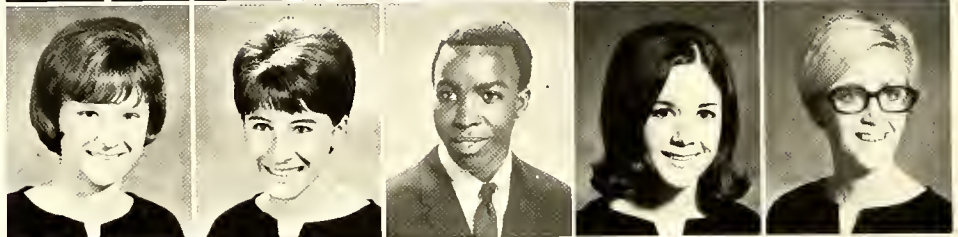
BOY TALK

Junior Jollity Evidenced Throughout Halls

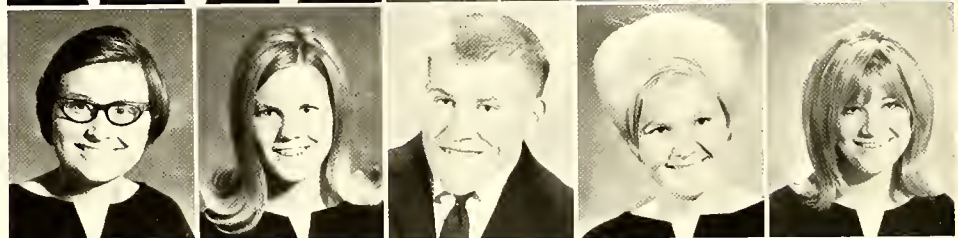
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Nancy Herchman
LaDonna Hughes



Neisha Hunt
Kathy Hunter
Allen Jackson
Jyme Jackson
Marilyn Jacobs



Shelia Jones
Donna Koontz
Gene Kreig
Suzanne Kubicek
Sharon Lambert



Juniors Tommy Allen, Ricky Sims, Ken Olive, and Lon Byars enjoy sunshine in the courtyard during their lunch hour. The courtyard provides a few minutes of rest and relaxation before a class.



ACT THREE

Third Performance Nears Graduation Day



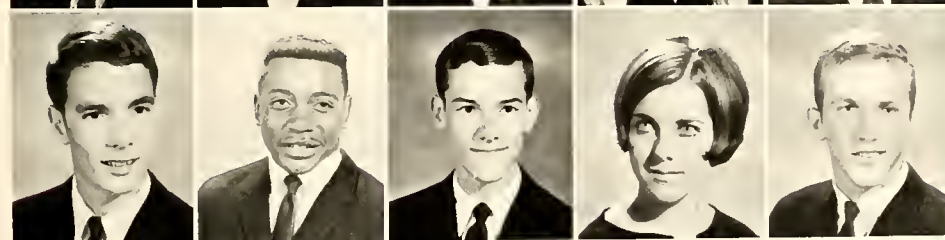
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Mary Lozano
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Ricky McClung
Gary McCubbin
Frankie McKay
Theresa Martini
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Ken Olive
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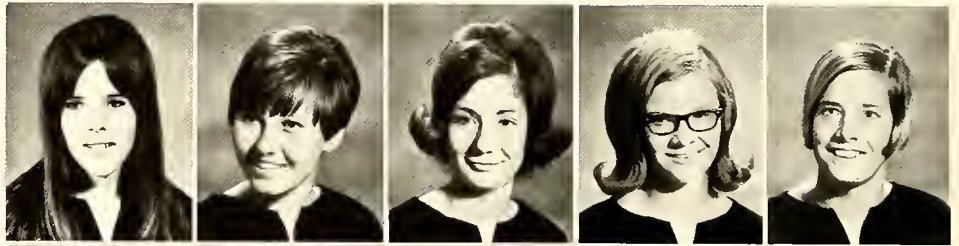


Patti Price, Kenya Taylor, and La-Donna Hughes count the grains of hallowed soil. Though this activity might seem strange, the girls were suddenly overcome with the irresistible urge to be near the soil which they must soon leave.

EARLY BIRDS

Students Allowed to Vote at Seventeen

Euvonda Price
Patti Price
Paula Raines
Sharon Reinisch
Nancy Renfro



Robbie Robertson
Jimmy Ross
Gloria Scott
Doug Scribner
Mary Jo Shepherd



Ricky Sims
Tommy Slappey
Tonia Sosolik
Susan Steele
Randy Stroble



Deborah Sullivan
Dennis Swartz
Kenya Taylor
Scott Taylor
Sandy Teague



Always alert and up with current events, Junior girls Amelia Cook and Gloria Scott cast their ballot for the candidate of their choice. During the November election, juniors enrolled in American history were allowed to vote by secret ballot.



JUNIOR PROJECT

Revolving Globe Accents Parade Float



Carrying out the theme of the traditional Vernon High School Homecoming parade, the junior class selected "When I Rule The World," which is an old classic song title.



Joe Tidwell
Virginia Tobar
Jan Todd
Cecily Tooley
Roger Townson

Tim Truelove
Angie Turkett
Johnny Turkett
Dan Vanek
Carl Wagner

Sherry Walker
Jimmy Wallace
Sharon Waterman
Cathy Werline
Patsy Westbrook

Sharon White
Laura Wilhelm
Peggy Wiseman
Kelly Wright

Sophs Gain Experience in Leadership



Kneeling and standing on hallowed soil, Sophomore class officers Rhonda Garrison, reporter; Kathy Morrow, treasurer; Alan Anderson,

secretary; Dennis King, vice-president; and Mike Klappenbach, president; like being near nature.



Sophomores proved that they were really in the swing of school by winning the Homecoming Parade float competition. The Soph's float, "Shoot'em Up Lions," won for them a first place plaque. Besides having creative talent, sophomores also excelled academically and athletically. Pondering over difficult geometry problems and becoming awestruck by the wonders performed in biology laboratories was native to most soph students. The Class of '71 has the privilege of being the first class to graduate with 20 required credits. For the first time, sophomore girls were admitted to Pep Club, enabling soph girls to keep pace with lion-hearted spirit.

Sophomores chose Rhonda Garrison, reporter; Kathy Morrow, treasurer; Alan Anderson, secretary; Dennis King, vice-president; and Mike Klappenbach, president to lead them through their second spirited year.

Sophomore class sponsors were Mr. Stanley Ripley, Mr. Jack Hunter, Mrs. Clela Holt, Mrs. Jasmine Pace, Mr. Bobby Arnold, and Mrs. Carolyn Thurman.

Soph sponsors, Mr. Stanley Ripley, Mr. Jack Hunter, and Mr. Bob Arnold, are caught between classes having an impromptu discussion.

Sophomores Conclude Gossip Interesting



J. D. Adams
Roger Allen
Allen Anderson
Karen Arnold
Curtis Atkisson



Randy Austin
Ricky Baker
Judy Baldwin
LaDonna Barnes
Suzanne Bartlett



Cheryl Belew
Chris Bell
Linda Bivins
Mark Blake
Linda Blythe



Katherine Bohot
Jimmy Bourland
Deborah Brackeen
Charles Brannon
Glenda Brannon



Debra Bristo
Teresa Brown
Donna Browning
Barbara Brumley
Douglas Bunch

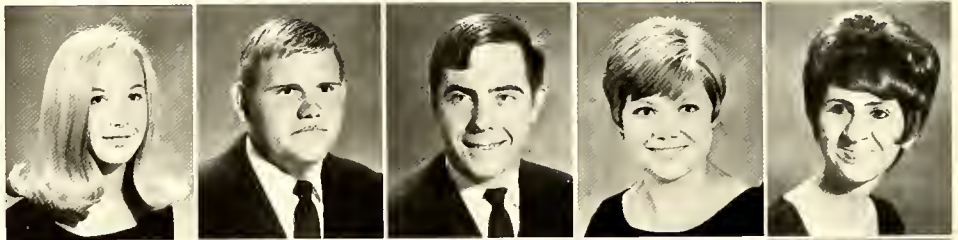


These three, cheerful sophomore girls Joni Simpson, Judy Newth, and Karen Arnold take time out from their lunch for a quick gossip session with the gang.

RESTFUL REPOSE

Sophomores Enjoy Luncheon Relaxation

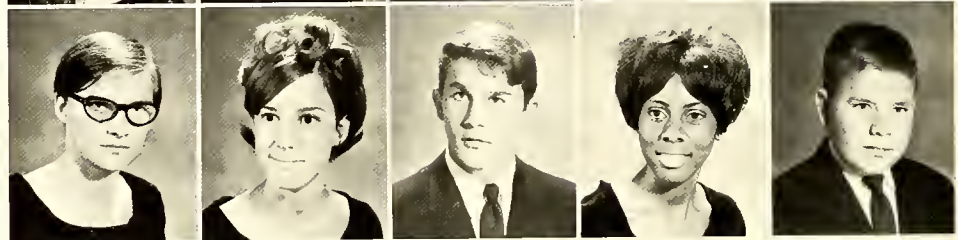
Debi Burdette
Larry Bursey
Andy Cargile
Kathy Carlisle
Brenda Carnahan



Kathy Carpenter
Mary Kay Childress
Debie Chisholm
Bret Clement
Kittie Cooke



Sharon Cooper
Johnnie Condon
Mike Crabtree
Linda Crayton
Van Dardis



Sophomore boys awaiting the bell after B lunch period are, Pass Tobar, David Windham, Gary Wagner, Ricky Wright, Andrew Cargile,

Tommy Dickey, Chris Bell, Dough Bunch, and Jimmy Robinson. The boys enjoy this time to relax before their first afternoon class.

FOOLISH FUNNERY

Sophomore Spirit Stimulates Silly Smiles



While pondering *Wuthering Heights* in sophomore English class, Teresa Yeager smiles at amusing incidents.



Sara Sullivan and Brenda McBeath are involved in a conversation while Ann Word and Lisa McLaughlin gather up their books and other items.



Leslie Davis
Cheryl Dickey
Tommy Dickey
Jane Ditmore
Ellen Draughon

Bob Duncan
Randy Edwards
Wayne Enloe
Dawn Erdman
B. J. Evans

Roy Ferrell
Jerry Forcher
Teenya Fry
Joe Galvez
Rhonda Garrison

Sherri Glass
Donald Gordon
Larry Grady
David Graf
Dianna Graf

BRIGHT STUDENTS

Sophomores Shine Through Second Stage



Sophomore Sponsor Leads a Clowning Life



Valerie Griffith
Alvin Gunn
Phinetta Hadley
Alan Ham
Janice Hamilton
Emily Hanna
Melinda Hardcastle
Bobby Harper
Claudia Heard



Dana Hemphill
Larry Henderson
Alana Henry
Johnny Henry
Vicki Henry
Kathy Herring
Lynn Hickey
Ann Hightower
Allen Hildebrand



Debra Hildebrand
Larry Hillard
Patty Hollars
Ricky English
Valeria Jackson
Jerry Jacobs
Vicki Jobe
Dannie Johnson
Catherine Jolly



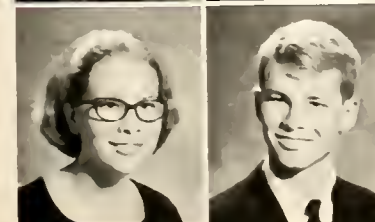
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Mike Klappenbach
Rob Knippa
Jay Lambert
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Jesse Lane
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Margaret Love
Leola Lucky
Brenda McBeath
Richard McDuff
Marilyn McGann
Lisa McLaughlin



Cathy McLelland
Richard Meers
Dave Messick
Mitzi Miller
Beth Moore
Kathy Morrow
Stella Mote
Brenda Nail
Mary Nava



Patty Nelson
Judy Newth
Vertis Norman
Pam O'Boyle
Curtis Odom
Jeannine Odom
Tom Oliver
Tanya Parham
Bobby Parker



Mr. Jack Hunter, a sophomore sponsor and science teacher, is found clowning around in the lab.

NAPKIN STUFFERS

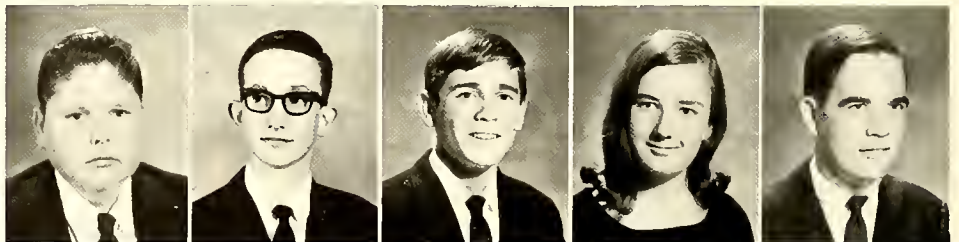
Class of 1971 Constructs Winning Float



In order that their float be completed by parade time, many sophs spent long hours working on the float stuffing it with napkins.

Lynn Hopper and Tom Oliver, two sophomores, are caught in the journalism room at a time when they should be in their English class.

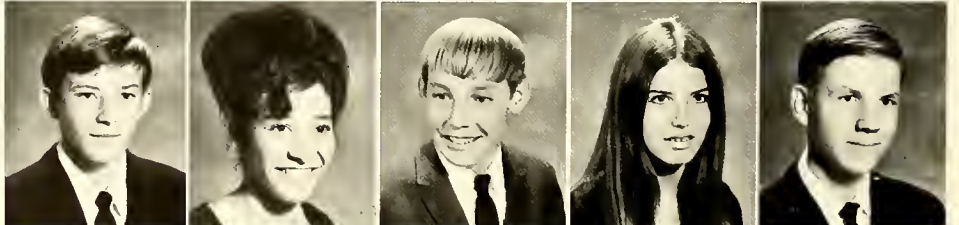
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Richard Ramsey



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Shannon Ratliff
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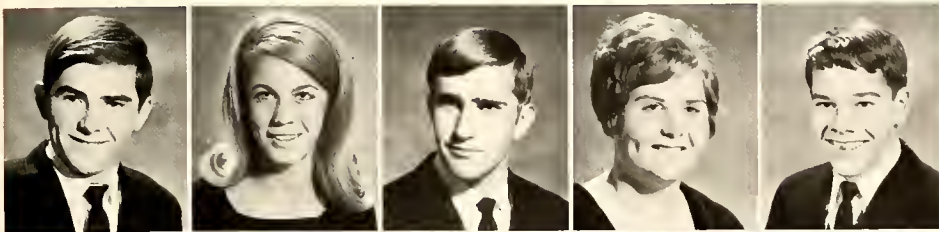


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Rachel Rodriguez
Kirk Rogers
Pam Rose
Paul Rudenos

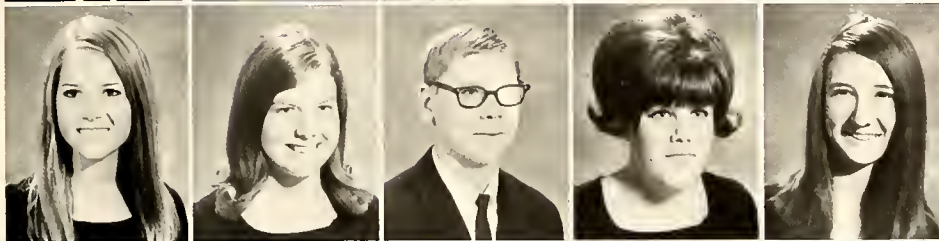


SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS

Sophomores Grow Older . . . and Wiser



Mark Schiwart
Ann Schuman
David Self
Wynell Shannon
Andy Sharp



Laura Sheridan
Joni Simpson
Danny Slapppy
Sherry Speer
Sara Sullivan



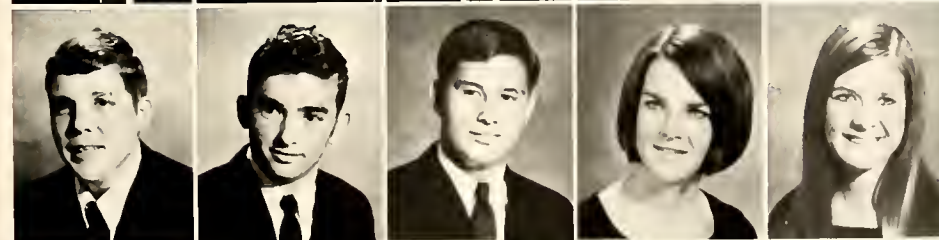
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Oscar Talley
Janet Tanner
Hoppy Taylor
Mary Ann Taylor



Sherry Tidmore
Pass Tobar
Tony Todd
Kandi Trewett
Gary Waggoner



Stanley Walker
Jo Ann Wheeler
Ted Williams
Deborah Willie
David Windham



Bryan Wittlinger
Alton Wood
Tommy Woodard
Pam Woolridge
Ann Word



Jim Wright
Ricky Wright
Teresa Yeager

Freshmen Seek Spirit of New Leadership



Standing in a windy field of West Texas, Freshmen class officers Jim Wright, vice-president; Sheri Sharp, secretary; Steve Clayton,

president; Mary Fitzgerald, reporter; and Emma Jean Baxter, treasurer enjoy the fresh air of the country.



Upon entering high school, the first year students have lived through many new aspects of learning, ranging from impressive characters in English literature, puzzling unknowns in algebra, and interesting demonstrations in science. Smiling shyly, the Class of '72 roamed and explored the halls and nooks acquainting themselves with the building in which they will spend the oncoming three years.

Red, yellow, and blue tissue paper and multi-colored balloons decorated the freshmen float to the theme of "Up, Up, and Away" for the annual homecoming parade through the heart of the town.

Officers for the year, who were elected by fellow freshmen, included Steve Clayton, president; Jim Wright, vice-president; Emma Jean Baxter, treasurer; Sheri Sharp, secretary; and Mary Fitzgerald, reporter.

Class sponsors were Mr. Lowell Roddy, Mrs. Bernice Belew, Mrs. Elizabeth Eure, Mr. Ronnie Reeger, Miss Linda Young, Mrs. Carrie Oliver, Miss Thresa Rose, and Mr. William Speed.

Fish class sponsors, Mrs. Bernice Belew and Miss Linda Young are found in the guidance office discussing freshmen class problems.

Freshman Students Listen and Learn



Rita Adams
April Aguirre
Cindy Allen
Denise Arnold
Ruth Ann Ashcraft

Dena Avery
Kathy Baldwin
Emmajean Baxter
Jeff Bearden
Bob Beazley

Becky Belew
Cathy Belew
Louis Bess
David Birdwell
Alaniz Blanca

Gary Bohannon
Sue Bohannon
Mary Boone
Alice Bourland
Janet Browning



As first year French students listen attentively, the spirit of learning is reflected in their faces. Many scholarly students can be found among the freshman class. Fish are found to be eager pupils. They learn many things during their first year in high school.



Working at the blackboard, Jan Phillips and Pam Skipworth concentrate on the correct procedure for solving fish algebra problems.



LEARN BY DOING

First-year Students





Ruth Ellen Bullock
Beverly Burnett
Esther Butler
Jeannie Capps
Marshall Capps
Brenda Carter
Edward Casey
Cathy Chapman

Linda Chapman
Mike Chisholm
David Clark
Steve Clayton
Brenda Clifton
Marilyn Coble
Steve Coggins
Debra Compton

Sharon Compton
Vivian Cook
Wayne Cook
Paula Dickerson
Jane Draper
Rosa Echols
Debra Ellis
Wayne Fancher

Active in Academic Programs



David Fennell
Martha Fields
Patti Fields
Mary Fitzgerald
Loretta Foster
David Fry
Jan Garrison
Dean Gfeller

Freddy Gibbs
Robert Gibson
Rickey Gillespie
Patricia Gillum
David Gower
Patsy Gunn
Kathy Hadley
Diane Hall

Jerry Hall
Debbie Harrington
Sabra Helms
Karla Henrix
Denice Hendry
Angie Hidrago
Dwight Higgins
Susan Hingst

Robert Huff
Cindy Huffman
Paul Imel
David Johnson
Diane Johnson
Janis Johnson
Pam Johnson
Jill Johnston

Creative Class Follows Colorful Balloons

Led by their Homecoming float entry "Up, Up and Away," freshman students were enveloped by the spirit of the Homecoming Parade. The float was the first to be constructed by the Class of '72.



Debra Klein
Lupe Landin
Charles Lanham
Mary Lawson
Lynette Leach



Nancy Lewis
Kenneth McBride
Linda CcCubbin
Robert McElroy
Ricky Meads



Leslie Miller
Dan Moore
Debra Nava
Estella Nava
Alta Norton



Charles Oglesby
John Mike Owen
Juan Paltman
Katherine Parker



TEDIOUS TASK

Registration New Experience for Fish



Debbie Peck
Brent Phelps
Jan Phipps
Jan Phillips
Shelia Pitchford

Freddie Pitts
Debra Powell
Sharon Pruitt
Larry Railsback
Steven Raines

Rosa Ramirez
Jeanne Raschke
Vickie Rich
Carl Richardson
Sandra Ritter

Diane Roberts
Don Ross
Kay Rozales
Martha Rumage
Bob Russell

David Russell
Jan Rutherford
Mike Sanderson
Tim Schur
Sherri Sharp

Vicki Shelton
Brenda Skipworth
Pam Skipworth
Curtis Dean Smith
Jimmy Smith



Freshmen find that waiting in line is all a part of registration. They must complete this tedious job before they are officially registered in high school. Mr. Easley made the difficult job much easier.

Frolicsome Fish Swim in Gigantic Pond

Jody Southerland
Ricky Standifer
Allen Storek
Robert Stowers
Twila Street



Tony Stroble
Dennis Studdard
Debbie Taylor
Dora Tobar
Vanessa Todd



Don Thompson
Michele Townson
Lonnie Turkett
Larry Vanek
Olga Velez



Teresa Wages
Cathy Wagner
Gretchen Wagner
Gail Walker
Wayne Walker



Darrell Lynn Yates



Mrs. Carrie Mae Oliver, a freshman sponsor, appears to be delighted by the answers that her freshman students are giving her.



John Mike Owen and Steve Coggins are found having a snack of sweet rolls and milk in the cafetorium.

In Memoriam

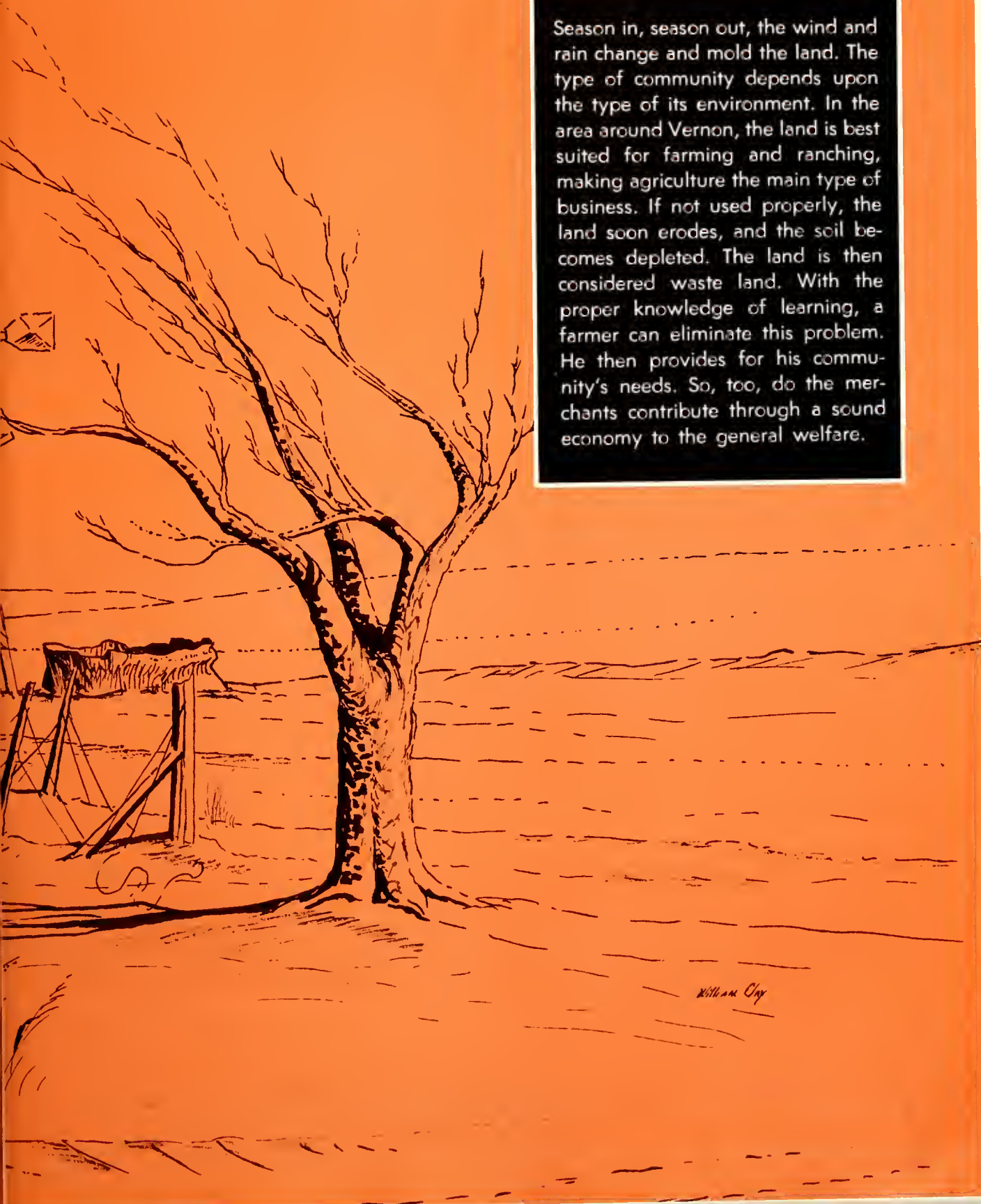
KEITH ANDREW VAUGHN

December 14, 1951—May 18, 1968



Spirit of Trade

Season in, season out, the wind and rain change and mold the land. The type of community depends upon the type of its environment. In the area around Vernon, the land is best suited for farming and ranching, making agriculture the main type of business. If not used properly, the land soon erodes, and the soil becomes depleted. The land is then considered waste land. With the proper knowledge of learning, a farmer can eliminate this problem. He then provides for his community's needs. So, too, do the merchants contribute through a sound economy to the general welfare.



CROWN QUAL



Steve Brown and Jan Bolton display some of the various seeds to be found at Crown Quality Seed Company. Extensive testings and

examinations are all part of Crown Quality's process to bring you the finest quality seeds to be found anywhere.

CROWN QUALITY SEED COMPANY

620 Main



At the end of a hard day, Cecily Tooley and Ricky Meads pause at Meads Phillips 66 Service Station. Because Phillips products are

among the best to be found anywhere on the market today, they urge you to always trade at Meads Service Stations.

MEADS PHILLIPS 66 SERVICE STATION

3103 Wilbarger

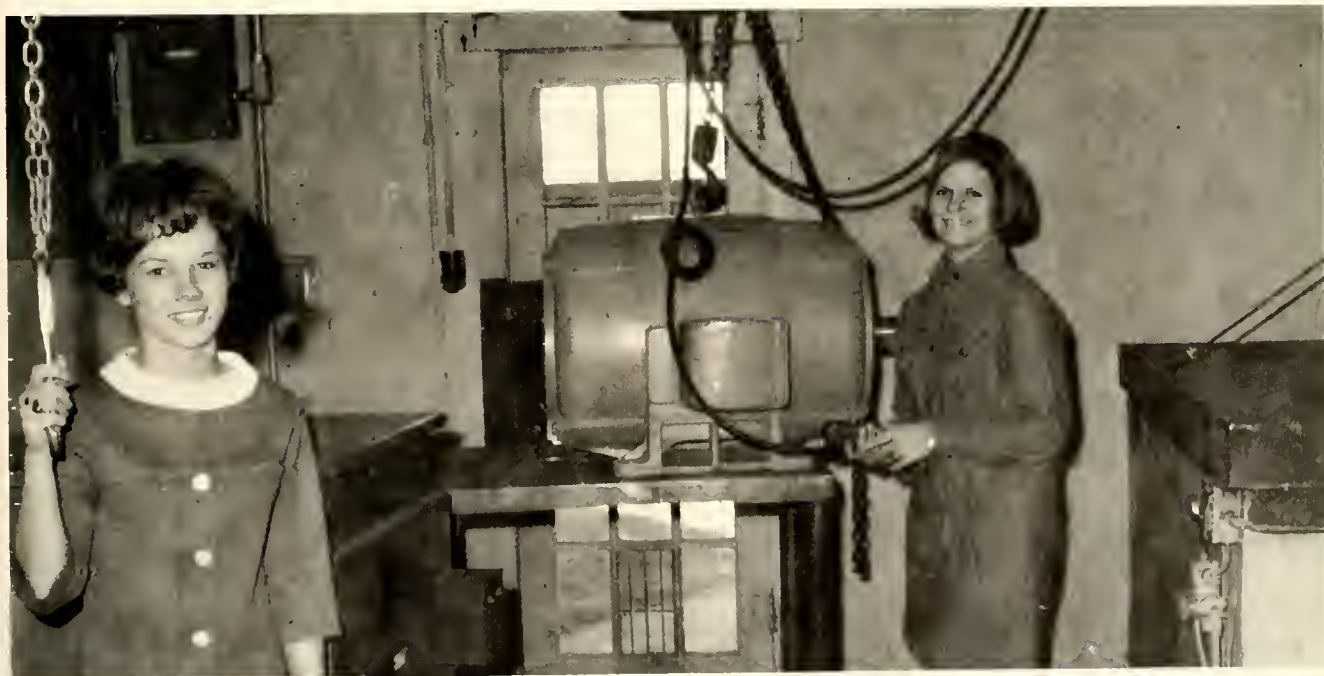


Doug Scriber, Susan Steele, and Kelly Wright are found at Popular Furniture relaxing after a hectic day at school. Popular Furniture

Store can furnish any room in your home from a wide selection of home furnishings available at their store.

POPULAR FURNITURE STORE

1700 Texas



Pam White and Sheri Waggoner look over a huge electric motor at Pat Waggoner and Son's Electric Motors. A certain combination

of knowledge and experience plus modern equipment make Waggoner's the ideal place to buy and repair electric motors.

PAT WAGGONER AND SON ELECTRIC MOTORS

2401 Bowie



Laura Wilson stops her work of checking the records from Jesse Herring-Johnson Estate, to give a smile for a customer.

JESSE HERRING-JOHNSON ESTATE
Herring Bank Building



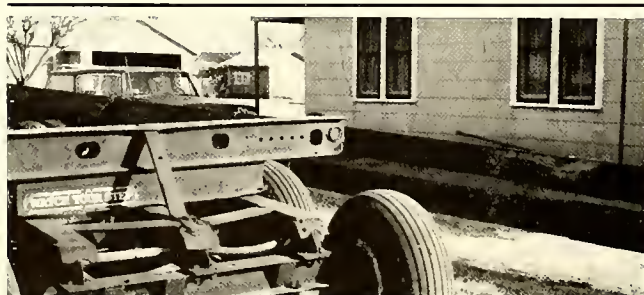
"Look like a job for Strobles Paint and Body Shop," says Randy Stroble. For an expert job in body work, go to Strobles.

STROBLES PAINT AND BODY SHOP
1817 Dawson



Randy Riall stocks up on some cool drinks from Lynn's 7-Day Market. These are only a few of the foods featured at Lynn's.

LYNN'S 7-DAY MARKET
2224 Sand Road



These trailers and beams are representative of Frank Key House Moving, a business where you can depend on a job well done.

FRANK KEY HOUSE MOVING
2500 14th



Robert Cargile stands beside an electrical repair truck, a symbol of the fine service available from the City of Vernon.

CITY OF VERNON



Mike Klappenbach shows off his pecans and ham he has just purchased from Stuckey's. Stuckey's also carries fine candies.

STUCKEY'S PECAN SHOPPE
Hwy. 287



Susan Steele and Patti Price inspect a car painted at Lindsey's Paint and Body Shop, finding it to be done flawlessly.

LINDSEY'S PAINT AND BODY SHOP
1922 Main



Sharon Reinisch and Deborah Sullivan use some of Harvey Electric's light bulbs for their experiment with John Van Chilton.

HARVEY'S ELECTRIC
1902 Main



"It's in color, even," says Beverly Gibson as she observes one of the many fine T.V. units at Bill's Tip Top T.V. and Radio Service.

**BILL'S TIP TOP
T.V. AND
RADIO SHOP**
1810 Fennin



James Golden examines the large variety of equipment at Fashion Cleaners.

FASHION CLEANERS
1718 Marshall



Sharon Lambert and Ricki Harp eagerly await their delicious treats from the Dairy Queen after a busy day at high school.

DAIRY QUEEN
2327 Main



Barbara Dickey is shown modeling a smart dress from Ansel's, fit for any occasion she might have during her Senior year.

ANSEL'S LADIES WEAR
1618 Main



Paula Quillin acknowledges a smile with a smile as she buys her weekly supply of groceries from Weldon Hawley at the Vernon

Food Store. If you want the best in groceries, service, and store facilities always trade at the Vernon Food Store.

VERNON FOOD STORE

1221 Wilbarger



Quality jewelry, china, silver, and service are cornerstones which have made Johnson's a local tradition. Joyce Gilmore, a D. E.

student invites you to come in and look over the fine merchandise featured at Johnson's Jewelry.

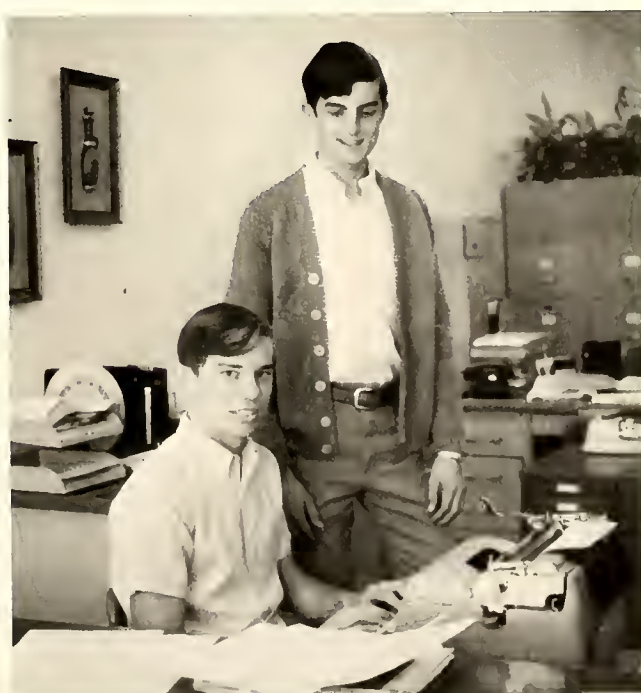
JOHNSON'S JEWELRY

1712 Main



"Tires, appliances, and toys are only a few of the many items available at Goodrich," exclaims John Igou and Joni Lutz.

B. F. GOODRICH
1730 Main



Johnny Rainwater looks on as Donnie Reinisch types one of the many insurance forms used at Rainwater Insurance Agency.

RAINWATER INSURANCE AGENCY
1609 Main



Gordy Riall approvingly examines a 1969 Ford Mustang. For the best in new car dealership and service, try Miller Ford.

MILLER FORD
2803 Wilbarger



B. J. Evans just can't seem to decide which selection is best as he looks over the tasty variety of cookies at the Purity Bakery.

PURITY BAKERY
1806 Main



Employees Nancy Long, J. W. Hoover, Phil Bartlett, and Mary Sheridan display an assortment of quality luggage to be found at

Cy Long's Men Store. For an excellent selection in men's and boy's clothing of all varieties and sizes, shop Cy Long's.

CY LONG'S MEN'S STORE
1722 Peace



Patti Price and Susan Steele believe that fast, quick service may be obtained from Greenbelt Butane.

GREENBELT BUTANE
2101 South Main



Johnny Davis is extremely amazed at the many problems that Vernon Abstract can solve easily, quickly, and efficiently for you.

VERNON ABSTRACT
1613 Main



"We clean anything," says Claudia Colley, Jan Todd, and Joe Siebert as they prepare to stuff Kenda Phelps into a Model Cleaners

cleaning bag. Model Cleaners specialize in all of your dry cleaning problems. Clothes look better cleaned at Model.

MODEL CLEANERS

1818 Marshall



"Fill 'er up" is exactly what Betsy Johnston and Theresa Robertson are doing. Kathy Keener finds that it is easier to run on Dino Su-

preme than any other gasoline. For all your car needs go to Robert L. More and your car will run smoother.

"The Perfect Host to Your Car"

ROBERT L. MORE

1903 Wilbarger



As Judie Brownlow tries to point out a section of the large amount of area that the W. R. Moore Cotton Company serves, Kenya Taylor

seems to be amazed and delighted at the astonishing fact that cotton is so outstanding in our part of the country.

W. R. MOORE COTTON OFFICE

1618 Fannin



Beside the pear tree, which is the symbol of the store, Judy Graf models one of the many dresses to be found on display.

PEAR TREE FASHIONS

1531 Main



Perkins Timberlake's new junior shop provides a shopping place for high school fashion hunters like Deborah Sullivan.

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE

1716 Pease



Johnnie Condon examines a zig-zag sewing machine before making her choice of the best materials from the Singer Company.

THE SINGER COMPANY

1526 Main



Laura Sheridan and Shannon Ratliff admire the various sporting equipment available at the Sports Center in Vernon.

SPORTS CENTER

1801 Cumberland

Compliments
of the

**VERNON
BAR
ASSOCIATION**



Roddy O'Neal returns a well-cleaned and pressed garment to La Donna Hughes and Allan Anderson as they "walk-in" Hughes Drive-

in Cleaners. Every garment is carefully cleaned and pressed. Hughes also features free pick-up and delivery service.

HUGHES DRIVE-IN CLEANERS & LAUNDRY

1305 Main



Kenda Phelps and Johnny Phipps try their hand at arranging flowers. Luckily though, all flower arrangements at Olga's Flower Shop are

done expertly. Each arrangement is done carefully and beautifully according to customer's specifications.

OLGA'S FLOWERS

1714 Fannin



Senior girls, Jan Bolton, Judy Graf, Paula Quillin, Vicki Morgan, Karen Flesher, Kay Nowlin, and Sara Jane Snell take time from their

busy schedules to reminisce good 'ole childhood days. The girls suggest the many fine baby foods from United Supermarket.

UNITED SUPERMARKET

3028 Wilbarger



Ruby Fry counts out the change for a customer that has just finished a delicious hamburger at Jack's Coffee Shop.

JACK'S COFFEE SHOP

Herring Bank Bldg.



Mary Sheridan and Deborah Locklar agree that Wagon Wheel Western Wear has everything in the range of western wear.

WAGON WHEEL WESTERN WEAR

1720 Main



Marilyn Jacobs suggests that Lawson and Company has the home ideas for the young at heart as well as for the old.

LAWSON AND COMPANY

1507 Main



Jack Lucas looks on as Mike Carter gives a sigh of approval on the haircut he has just received at Jack's Barber Shop.

JACK'S BARBER SHOP

1619 Main



For the best service in drug needs, Mike Carter and Edna Adams recommend Johnny's Pharmacy. They also recommend Johnny's Fountain, for a quick and nourishing refreshment.

JOHNNY'S PHARMACY

1630 Main



"Winston tastes good," exclaims Joni Lutz while Nancy Long says she prefers her brand which is El Verso from Wichita Cigar.

WICHITA CIGAR & TOBACCO CO.

1630 Wilbarger



Margie Jobe and Larry Dodson study one of the new "mod" styles in men's fashions, the Nehru shirt. Watkin's also has a variety of medallions which are very popular with the school kids.

WATKIN'S DEPARTMENT STORE

1510 Main



SULLIVAN FUNERAL HOME and WILBARGER MEMORIAL PARK and MAUSOLEUM



Jyme Jackson practices her typing on just one of the many sizes of portable typewriters at Blair Hamilton Office Supply.

BLAIR HAMILTON OFFICE SUPPLY

1519 Main St.



The card selections at Howard's Office Supply provide cards for any occasion. Elaine Fenter and Danny Barnes find this true.

HOWARD'S OFFICE SUPPLY

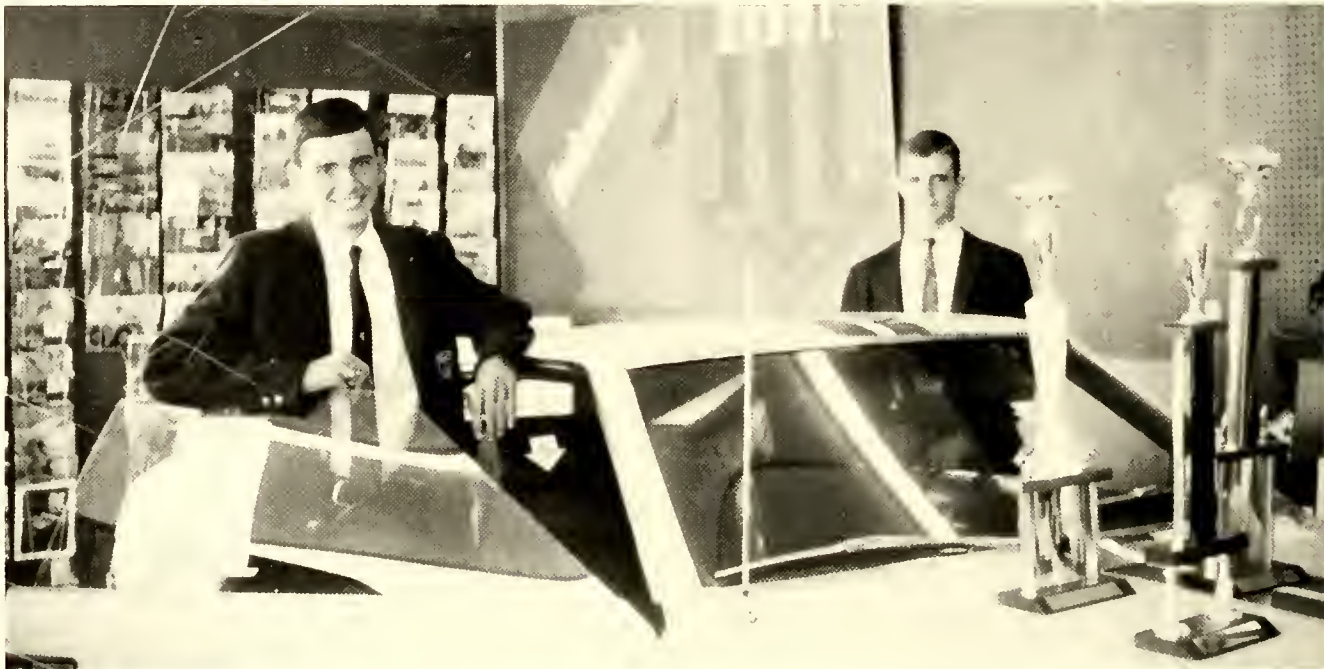
1606 Main St.



"Think I'll get it" says Chuck King as he enjoys a brief look at one of the many used cars at Cato's Used Cars in Vernon.

CATO MOTOR CO.

320 Wilbarger



Johnny Phipps and Bobby Byars, the world's most famous race drivers, look over a new GTX at Ken Nichols. They have decided that

their new trophies will go well with the new race car they are about to purchase after the destruction of their first car.

KEN NICHOLS INTERNATIONAL

500 Wilbarger



Noted for its fine quality and wide selection, O'Neal's Jewelry has become popular for buying essentials as well as delicacies. Myra

Gauldin states that O'Neal's has jewelry to satisfy any young or older person's taste for giving or for getting?

O'NEAL'S JEWELRY

1731 Fannin



Terri Blake poses by an equipped truck at Blake Salvage. For miscellaneous needs of pipe, steel, and rods see Blake Salvage.

BLAKE SALVAGE
Altus Highway



Vickie Daniels looks over the wide variety of gifts for party needs at Barhyte's News Stand.

BARHYTE'S NEWS STAND
1811 Pease



Paula Quillin smiles as she makes out an insurance form for herself at T. E. Davis Insurance Company.

**T. E. DAVIS
INSURANCE COMPANY**
1831 Pease

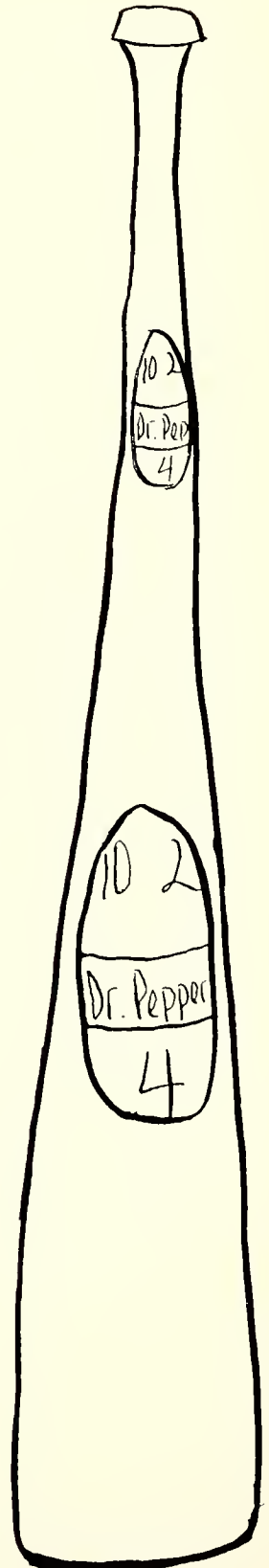


"It's all mine. Let's go," says Janice Smith as she prepares for a fun ride in a 1969 Skylark from Krebs Motor Company.

KREBS MOTOR CO.
3529 Wilbarger

**"Shape
Up"**

**With
Dr. Pepper**





Paula Quillin and Sara Jane Snell enjoy reading about the past football games and practices. A complete file of the daily papers

is kept where one can find any news of the past that he missed at the time. These past issues may be purchased.

VERNON DAILY RECORD

1531 Cumberland



Patti Price and Susan Steele admire a new trailer found at Price's Radiator Shop.

PRICE'S RADIATOR SHOP

2605 Wilbarger



Debbie Bookout and Judie Brownlow find that Dean's Transfer and Storage has everything to complete their furnished home.

DEAN'S TRANSFER & STORAGE

3104 Wilbarger



John and Opal Blackshear are very willing to assist you in registering for one of the quality rooms found at the Sands Motel.

SANDS MOTEL

East Wilbarger



Nancy Long adds her name to the list of guests at the Ramada Inn where comfort is assured with privacy.

RAMADA INN

Hwy. 287 W.



Marilyn McGann, Suzanne Bartlett, and Pam Wooldridge pose in front of Vernon's largest concrete service company while the work

is left to the employees. These are the headquarters which keep the business of M & M Redi Mix running smoothly.

M & M REDI MIX

821 Antelope



Roddy O'Neal beams with delight on the idea that a box of King's candy from City Pharmacy is a perfect gift for anyone special in mind.

CITY PHARMACY

1720 Fennin



Theresa Robertson tries on shoes with the "new look." Coleman's shoe store also has the "new look" in handbags and purses.

COLEMAN'S SHOE

1710 Pease



Kathy Keener and Theresa Robertson find it hard to decide between American and Chinese food at the Canton.

CANTON CAFE

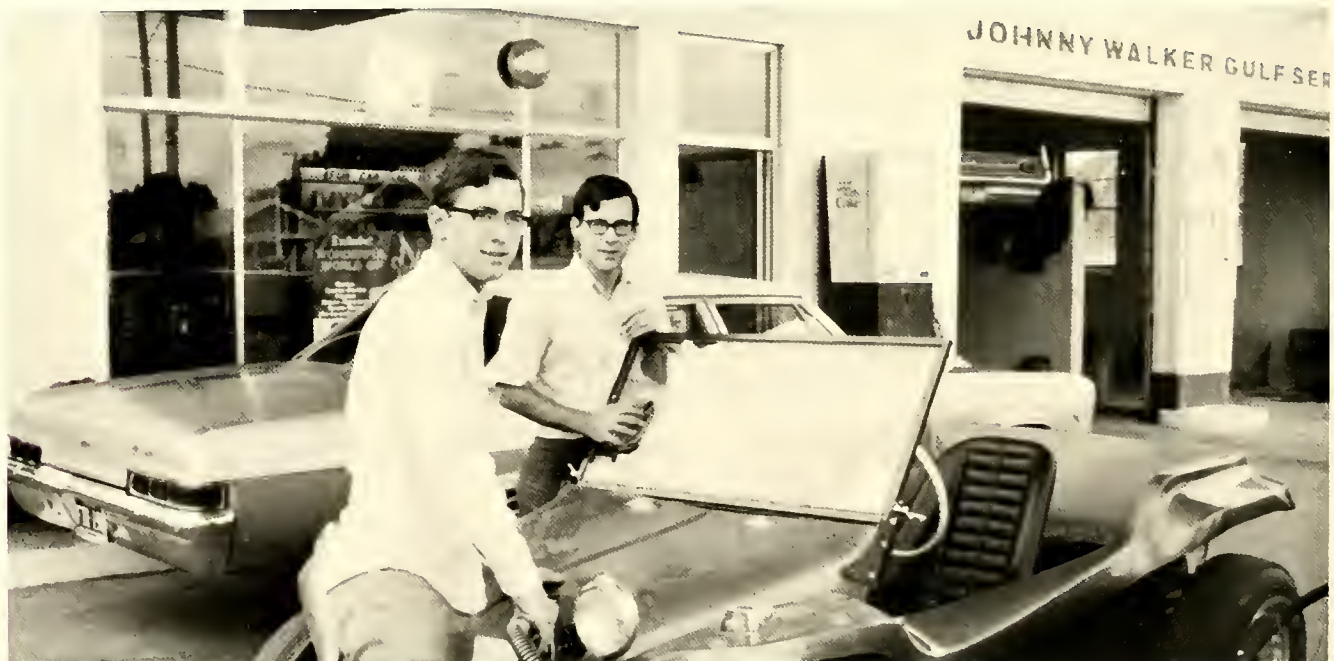
East Wilbarger



Kathy Keener looks over decoupage work with the "VHS" insignia. Cotner's Gift Shop always carries unique gift items.

COTNER'S GIFT SHOP

1717 Texas



Johnny Walker Gulf Station specializes in service for all makes and models of automobiles. Here, Tony Crews and Bobby Crews take

advantage of the "Kick Power" offered for their own fun car. For the best products and service, try Gulf.

JOHNNY WALKER GULF SERVICE STATION

2526 Wilbarger



After a long day at school, Robert Cargile, Mary Golden, and James Golden relax on a sofa at Dollar Down Furniture Store. A

great variety of home furnishings are always available at Dollar Down, Vernon's largest discount furnishing center.

DOLLAR DOWN FURNITURE COMPANY

1330 Main



Sky McCauley prepares to make an order from J. C. Penney's catalogue center. For pleasing results, order from J. C. Penney's in downtown Vernon.

J. C. PENNEY'S

1516 Main St.



Terry Jones approves of the fact that many different colors and textures of materials are found at the Fabric Shop.

THE FABRIC SHOP

1829 Pease



Karen Flesher and Jan Bolton admire a few of the selections from "Hatter's Corner." These fashions are only a few of the items at Mary Jane's, featuring fashions for the future.

MARY JANE'S

1726 Main St.

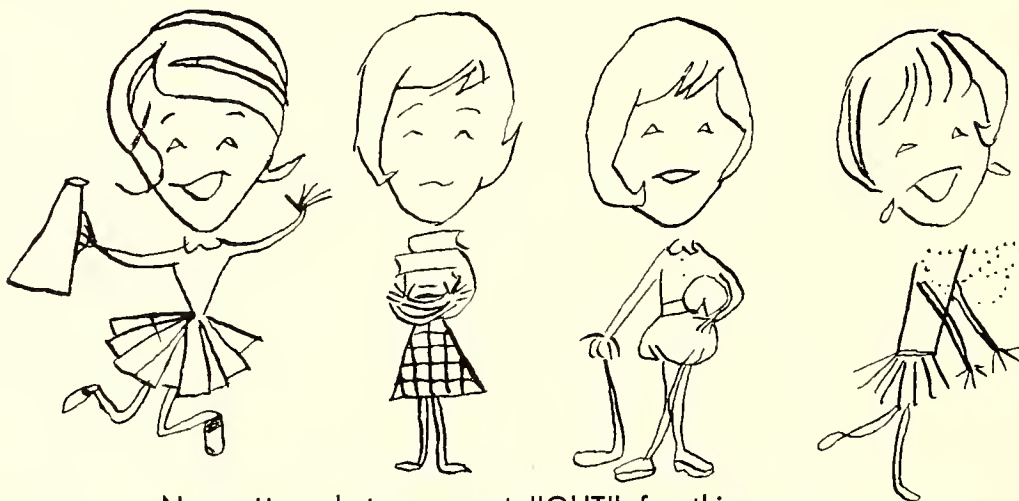


Desmond Mayfield and Norman Baird get the feel of guns. At North Texas Hardware, equipment for outdoor sports is available.

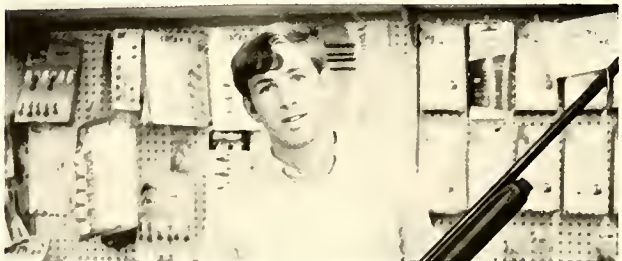
NORTH TEXAS HDW. CO.

1819 Pease

COLLEGE CORNER



No matter what you went "OUT" for this year . . .
Your "In" Fashions always come from Louise's



Phil Key appears to be playing the role of protector for the wide selection of merchandise found at Munden's Discount Center.

MUNDEN'S DISCOUNT CENTER

3214 Wilbarger



Kay Nowlin displays a rare dish of china at Old Curiosity Shoppe. This is one of the many interesting antiques at this shop.

OLDE CURIOSITY SHOPPE

720 Wilbarger



Debbie Bookout, Vicki Morgan, and Judie Brownlow enjoy a cool, refreshing drink as they leisurely await their reservations for dinner.

The Susie Q specializes in charcoal broiled steaks and all types of American and Mexican food for your enjoyment.

SUSIE Q RESTAURANT

717 Wilbarger



"They took my laundry to the wrong house" exclaims Brenda Hollars as she and Debra Beaty pick up their laundry. Bluebonnet will

pick up and deliver your laundry at your request. For the finest quality in services, go to Bluebonnet Laundry.

BLUEBONNET LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANERS

1220 Main



Sandra Pennington decides that she would rather buy the Rolling Stones album than the Bee Gees. Gibson's has a large variety of

records as well as record players, stereo tape players, and tapes. Anything of value can be found at Gibson's.

GIBSON'S DISCOUNT CENTER

West Highway 287



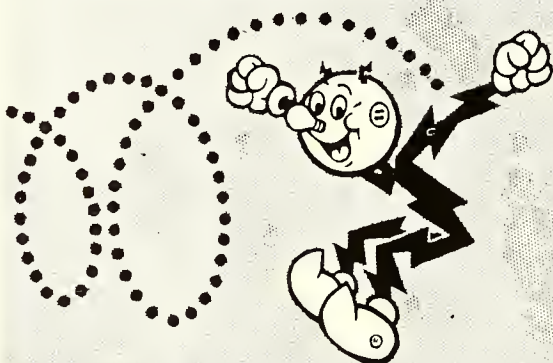
Disc jockeys Jeanne Capps, Rhonda Garrison, Jan Garrison, and Mary Ann Sutton are having a practice session before they put

on their first real radio program over KVWC. If you want the best in listening pleasures turn your radio dial to 1290.

KVWC RADIO STATION

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DABNEY-HARVEY CHEVROLET

Vernon, Texas



Kenny Skipworth studies a piece of modern equipment to be found at Don Bett's Automotive. For an expert job, go to Bett's.

DON BETT'S AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

1715 Olive



Claudia Colley admires some Christmas ideas from Vernon Greenhouse, a top name among florists in the Vernon area.

VERNON GREENHOUSE

Wilbarger



"This will make your car run like new," says Robert Huff as he displays a top brand battery from Welch's Battery Shop.

WELCH'S BATTERY SHOP

1615 Cumberland



"Interested in fishing, anyone?" Claudia Colley and James Liles prepare for a fishing excursion, but most important, the equipment,

which comes from Sumner-Colley. For any of your needs from fishing to lumber, try Sumner-Colley Lumber Company.

SUMNER-COLLEY LUMBER COMPANY

1830 Main



Jan Bolton smiles as she and associate Vicki Morgan check over the statements for the month at Upton Plumbing Company. For

all your plumbing services, try Upton's Plumbing where quality makes the sale, and service satisfies the customer.

UPTON PLUMBING

Box 1831



One of the many businesses which aid in the economy of Vernon is the Vernon Manufacturing Company which makes the official

Boy Scout pants for the surrounding area. Here Karen Flesher and Sara Snell are visiting the establishment.

VERNON MANUFACTURING COMPANY

700 Texas



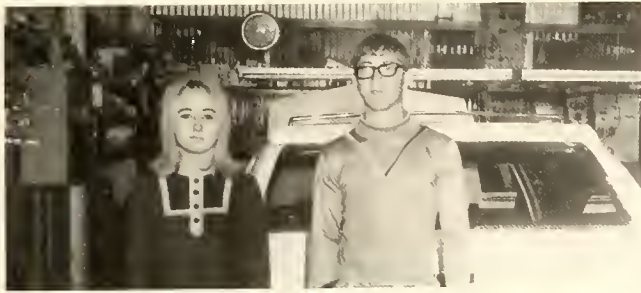
A friendly smile and a helpful hand are always displayed as Sherry and Cathy Carpenter inspect some appliances from Carpenter's Hardware in Chillicothe, Texas.

CARPENTER'S HARDWARE
115 Avenue H.
Chillicothe, Texas



Ricky and Jim Wright relax after filling out the many forms which must be completed before they can buy an insurance policy at Jim Wright Insurance Agency.

JIM WRIGHT INSURANCE AGENCY
1518 Wilbarger



For the fastest and best priced auto repair service in town, Charlotte and Roger Koch heartily recommend Koch's Garage.

KOCH'S GARAGE
Cato Road



Sara Snell combs through her long hair before a well-trained operator at the Town and Country Beauty Shop begins to cut it.

TOWN & COUNTRY BEAUTY SHOP
4005½ Wilbarger St.



Mike Klappenbach and Beth Moore know that the best policies available are to be found at Haney-Moore Insurance Agency.

HANEY-MOORE INSURANCE AGENCY
1704 Fannin



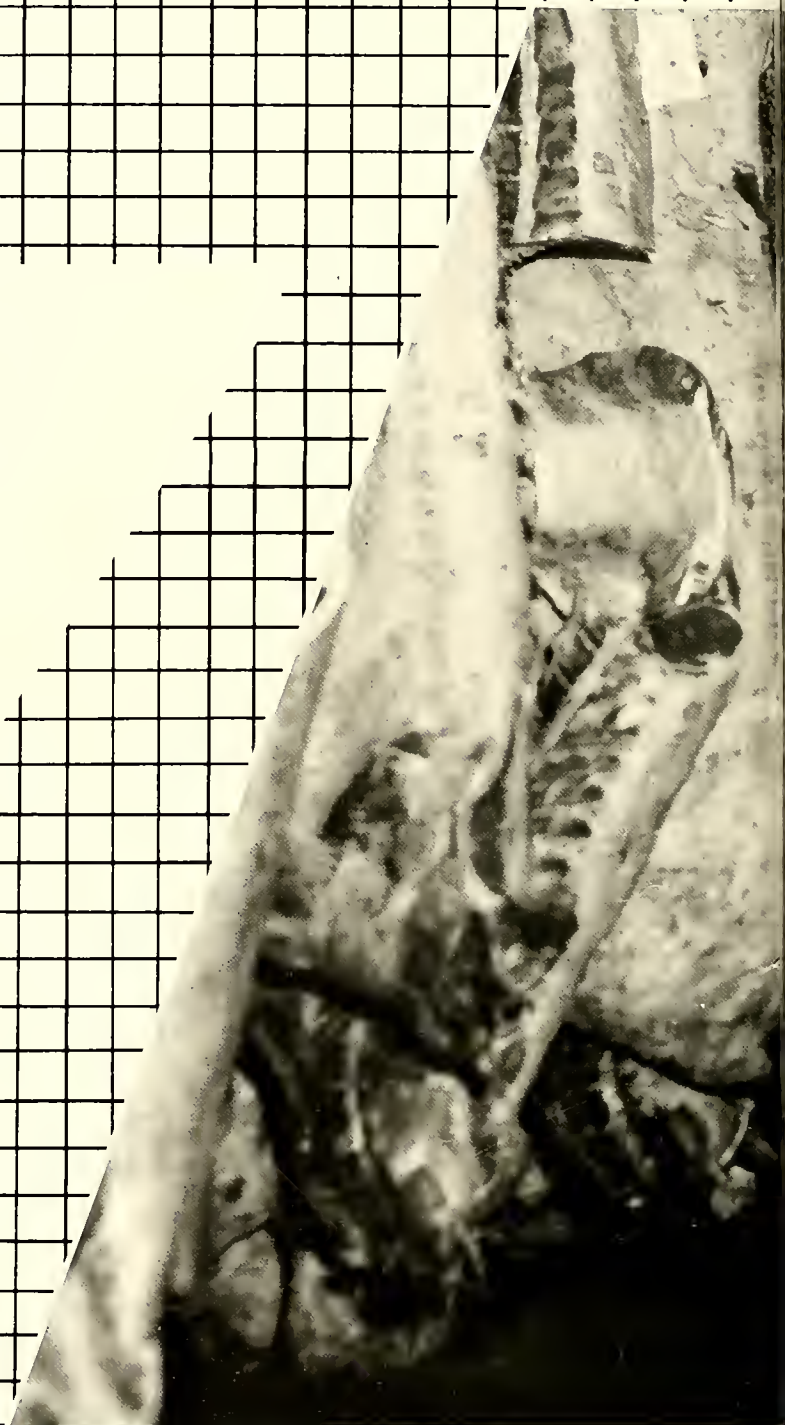
Two economically-minded high school students, Ricky English and Johnny Henry, stand before a year's supply of Cagle and Petty

Butane. If you're in the market for butane or propane fuel, these boys urge you to stock up with Cagle and Petty's.

CAGLE AND PETTY BUTANE

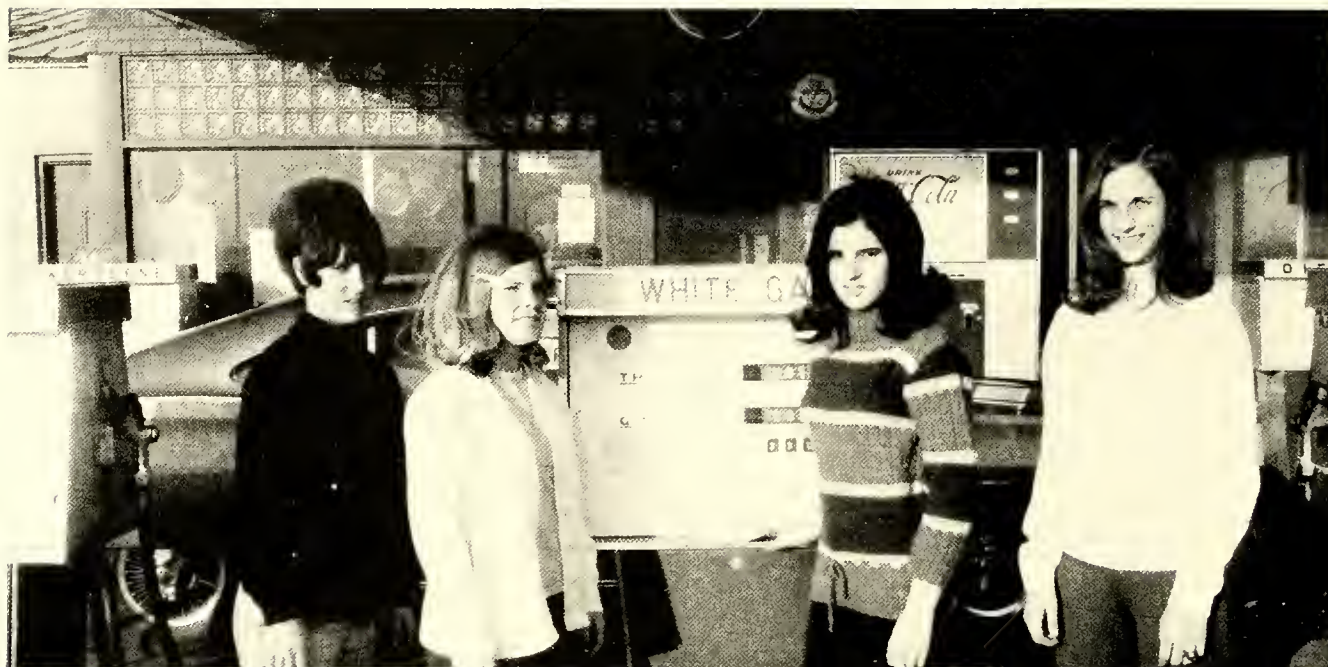
Chillicothe Hwy.

**THE
WRIGHT
BRAND**





Inspection crew Laura Wilson and Kelly Wright make the big decision as to the best quality of meat for the Wright brand. Many such decisions are made every day in order to keep the reputation and the business that Wright's Packing Company has kept.



Michelle Townson, Mary Fitzgerald, Kathy Baldwin, and Alta Lynn Norton find that Elda Petty Service Station has the finest quality

as well as the best service. For all your automobile needs, stop at Elda Petty Service Station on Highway 287.

ELDA PETTY SERVICE STATION

Chillicothe Highway



Debbie Bookout, Judie Brownlow, and Vicki Morgan sink their teeth into a scrumptious burger pizza at the Pizza Point. The Pizza

Point specializes in all types of pizzas. For entertainment while eating your pizza, there is old time piano music.



PIZZA POINT

Expressway



Diana Graf and Tim Schur smile with delight as they stand before a fine Case Tractor at Greenbelt Farm Machinery.



GREENBELT FARM MACHINERY

1331 Cumberland



John Cartusciello pauses outside of Herring Insurance Agency before going inside to purchase insurance for his car.

WILSON HERRING INSURANCE AGENCY

1911 Pease



Mary Ann Golden and Lana Greschel await a delicious dinner at Jet's Cafe, the place with a friendly atmosphere.

JET'S CAFE

2609 Expressway



Sherry Tidmore pauses to admire a beautiful new Chevrolet on display at Gordon Tidmore Chevrolet, where the best deals can be found.

GORDON TIDMORE CHEVROLET

2030 Wilbarger



Robert Cargile tests his skill as a mechanic as he checks the motor of an old car being serviced at Lovelace Automotive.

LOVELACE AUTOMOTIVE

1829 Cumberland



For all their pharmaceutical needs, Lana Greschel, Jerry O'Gorman, and Laura Wilhelm go to the M&S Pharmacy where you can get prescriptions.

M&S PHARMACY

2500 Wilbarger



NANCY LONG
Rotary Club Sweetheart



KAY NOWLIN
Rotary Club Sweetheart



KAREN FLESHER
Rotary Club Sweetheart



BETSY JOHNSTON
Rotary Club Sweetheart



Nickey Hutchins, Kenny McClure, and Ronnie Reinisch demonstrate the fine products which are found at Smith's Enco Station.

These boys are just a few of the many customers which are pleased every time they stop at Smith's. Why don't you stop?

SMITH'S ENCO STATION

1426 Wilbarger



Mike Malone, Laverne Odom, and Clifford Shannon stand proudly by the bronze plaque commemorating W. T. Waggoner. The

Waggoner Estate is an important ranching and oil industry of Vernon and has started a dynasty of ranching in the Vernon area.

W. T. WAGGONER EST.



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Sharon White, Kathy Keener, Laura Wilson, Bobby Simpson, Joni Simpson, Donna Koontz, Sharon Reinisch, Mike Malone, Keith Owen, Nancy Long, and Mike Owen are seated in the lounge

of the Herring Bank where they are awaiting consultation of their money problems. For any of your banking needs, visit the Herring Bank where your business is appreciated.

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 Kinlau Sheet Metal Works, Inc.
 Locket Cleaners
 Lowke Hardware
 Nichol's Automotive Service
 Tom's Toasted Peanuts
 Robert's Auto Electric
 Ruth's Beauty Shop
 Vernon Coca-Cola Co.
 Western Motel
 Wilbarger County Farm Bureau
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 Wilbarger Auto Service
 J. R. White Gin
 Vernon Floral Co.
 Sherman Music Co.



Nancy Long, Gretchen Wagner, and Mark Schiwart enjoy the comfortable atmosphere at the First Federal Savings and Loan.

They all feel certain that for friendly and efficient service, First Federal Savings and Loan is the finest place to go.



FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

1718 Fannin



"Where Service Makes The Difference"



Steven Brown and Jan Bolton display a giant Bank Americard which is a new policy in purchasing merchandise for our com-

munity. The First State Bank is the first bank to introduce this service. This card serves the same purpose as a giant credit card.

FIRST STATE BANK

1918 Pease



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The members of the 1969 Yamparika staff bid you farewell as they gather in the reception room of the Waggoner National Bank. Seated from left to right are Debra Beaty, Neisha Hunt, Nancy

Long, and Paula Quillin; Standing from left to right are Pat Spredlin, Joni Lutz, Judie Brownlow, Vicki Morgan, Brenda Hollars, Deborah Locklar, Kay Nowlin, and Sky McCauley.

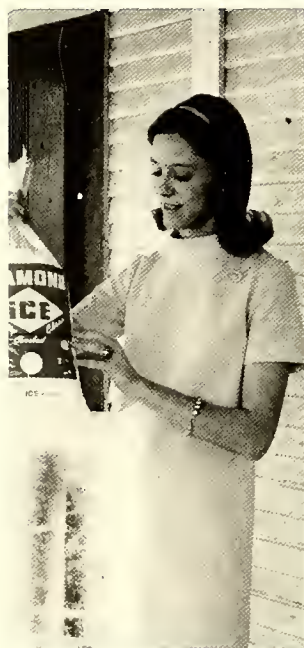
WAGGONER NATIONAL BANK



Dan Osborne says, "Paint your house or whatever it may be with paint of the very best quality from Osborne's, Inc."

OSBORNE'S INC.

1301 Cumberland



Brenda Ashby purchases a bag of crushed ice from the Diamond Ice Company.

DIAMOND ICE CO.

2231 Wilbarger



Donald Reinish clowns as he tries to roll Donna Kootnz's hair at Art Beauty Shop.

ART BEAUTY SHOP

1718 Indian

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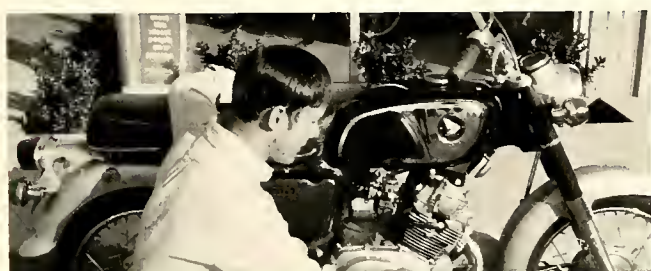
SARA JANE SNELL

Kiwanis Club Sweetheart



Tim Starnes looks at one of the tractors that Barnes Equipment has in stock. This tractor is a "ver-r-y interesting" model.

BARNES EQUIPMENT



"Looks pretty good," says John Van Chilton as he admires one of the many cycles displayed at Central Honda Sales on the expressway.

CENTRAL HONDA SALES

1301 S. Frontage Rd.



Byars Tractor & Equipment is famous for the fine quality of tractors and machinery for farming in the Vernon area.

BYARS TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT

Hwy. 283



Debi Burdette and Dawn Erdman display one of the pieces of equipment for air conditioning that Burdette's Plumbing installs.

BURDETTE PLUMBING

3820 Wilbarger



Johnie Condon says, "Don't close your eyes, open them and discover the fine service you get from James Condon Roofing Co."

JAMES CONDON ROOFING CO.

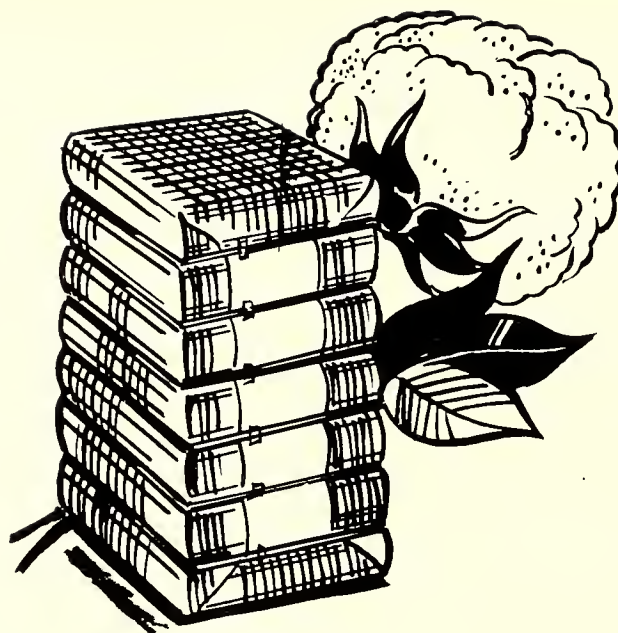
4126 Augusta



Mary Ann Golden and Lana Greschel anticipate preparing and enjoying a meal of the finest barbecue at Duncan's Smokehouse.

DUNCAN'S SMOKEHOUSE

829 Wilbarger



R. E. HUNTLEY COTTON CO.

1822 Texas

"Home Is Where The Heart Is"

DOLLAR DOWN FURNITURE

1330 Main



VIC ROBINSON TEXACO

North Main Expressway



Wilbarger Elevator and public scales is a very busy place when many local farmers come there during each stripping season.

WILBARGER ELEVATOR

Mill Block



James Golden looks over the 1969 cotton crop at the Vernon Compress, one of Vernon's leading producers.

VERNON COMPRESS CO., INC.

610 Deaf Smith



Taking a break from their numerous and tedious jobs, Nancy Renfro and Barbara Dickey pause to have their picture taken.

VERNON ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE

3818 Wilbarger



Neisha Hunt is puzzled as she figures out which hair style becomes her. For all your hair needs visit Curly Q Beauty Shop.

CURLY Q BEAUTY SHOP

3518 Wilbarger



Fran Crawford and Patti Price believe that for all your grain needs, the finest place to go is Lockett Seed Company.

LOCKETT SEED COMPANY



Keith Owen's inspects one of the many new trailers which just arrived at Williamson's Welding & Trailor Equipment.

WILLIAMSON WELDING & TRAILOR EQP.

Crowell Highway



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Mill Block



Cathy Chapman and Debra Klein pose for the shutterbug in front of a display of plumbing supplies. See Klein's for plumbing needs.

KLEIN PLUMBING

3116 Wilbarger



For all cosmetic needs Liz Eaton and Judy Adams go to Inabnit's to purchase Charles of the Ritz cosmetics from Kay Thorne.

INABNIT'S LADIES WEAR

1610 Main

VERNON STOCKYARD

Sale Every
Thursday



Brent Stewart, Norman Baird, and Keith Owen wait for their grain to be weighed by the friendly people at Farmers Co-op.

FARMERS CO-OP

Expressway



Donald Reinisch returns to his childhood as Donna Kootnz tries to feed him some Wheaties, the Breakfast of Champions.

SANTA ROSA CAFE

4009 Wilbarger



"Anyone care for a tremendous charge?" asks Larry Smith as he persuades a customer this spark plug is exactly what his car needs.

SPANN AUTOMOTIVE

1701 Wilbarger



Brendy Ashby and Susan Steele pose for the photographer by a display saluting the 100th Anniversary of Stein Hall guar plant.

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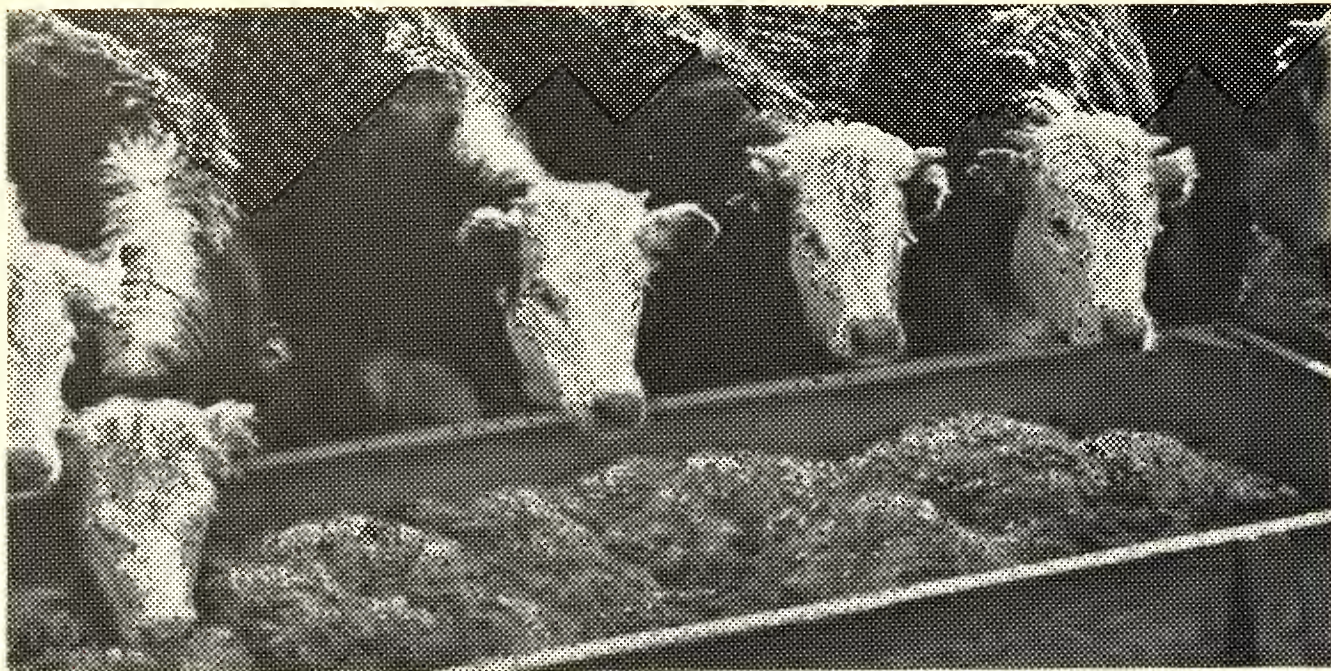


An almost completed view of the new Wilbarger General Hospital shows the progress being made to aid people in Wilbarger

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Optimist Award	Gregory Sherman
Rotary Club Award	Elizabeth Johnston
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Valedictory Address.....	Theresa Robertson
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